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IN RE THE SCIENTISTS VS. THE SPIRITUALISTS.

Plea on Behalf of the Defendants.

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the organ of the American Psychical Society, satisfied, etc. Various of these jugglers have there have been articles from the pen of Prof.A.E. been brought into courts as experts at the trial Dolbear, the President of Tufts College, entitled, of some medium for fraud. They have always "Implications of Physical Phenomena." Their admitted their inability to induce the phenomena purport being to show that manifestations at in the way testimony showed it was brought outspiritual seances involving the physical move Nor could they tell how it could be done without ment of material things must be consequent on some preparation of machinery or confederates, the employment of some physical energy. And though at the same time freely expressing their that the whole field of possible causes for such opinionst hat it was done by trickery—that is in mortal life some two years before, but with whom but had no special disposition to investigate the not present at all of the business sessions. movements has been so thoroughly explored by the sense of jugglery. Men may easily believe a physicists that no occult or psychical cause for thing can be, or was done in a certain way, but be families living some distance apart, so that she the movements, as alleged by Spiritualists, is, or fore they can truthfully testify that they are satiscan be, possible. Hence it follows necessarily fied it wasdone in that way they must be able to that any investigation of the causes for the move- explain the manner of the operation. ments is puerile and useless; inasmuch as "if the occurrences are real they are more or less skilfully devised tricks and fraudulent only in the attempt to make others believe they are not tricks."

The phenomena embraced in this sweeping condemnation are independent writing on slates -technically called psycography, the materialization of visible spirit forms and the ringing of bells, moving of tables, etc., by invisible spirit power.

So long as the articles were confined to the Psychical Review there was no special call that Spiritualists should answer them. But the latest of them having been copied in one of our spiritual papers, doubtless by permission of the editor of the Review, they now squarely challenge number, at a like low estimate, one thousand; Spiritualists to defend themselves and their and the graduates now living at least one hun cause from the professor's charges.

This, as one of them, I shall now endeavor to do. In doing it I am under the necessity of cen- lurgists, chemists, astronomers, etc. Certainly, suring some of his strange misstatements of if there are such well-defined laws, as said, we facts; as these seem often to be the foundation on which his charges are based. He says:

from any man who understands the relations of phenomena.' Let us see.

Elliott Coues, scientist; a member, regular, honorary, and otherwise of some thirty-one scientific associations in this country and Europe; possessor of four academic degrees; at seven different periods of his life holding positions as professor in educational institutions, requiring a liberal education; and the author of numerous scientific books, monographs, etc., bore contend, the work of disembodied spirits, who open testimony, some few years ago, in Science through the agency of mediums, do apparently to the truth of materialization to the truth of materialization.

Prof. Robert Hare, of Philadelphia, a renowned professional chemist of world-wide repute, was ter no end of maudlin rubbish, and add nothing an avowed and noted believer in the movement of wisdom or knowledge to mankind; and justi of material of jects at spiritual seances by the invisible spirits; so frequently using his voice invisible spirits; so frequently using his voice suicide."

fy Prof. Huxley in saying that if such is the state ing if it falls into the hands of unbelievers I George Cole, of Canarsie, N. Y., the well-invisible spirits; so frequently using his voice suicide." and pen to urge his brother scientists to inves-

highest rank, bore full and free testimony to the spirits, allow himself to make such baseless and fact of writing appearing on slates without any scurrilous assertions. Those he thus wantonly visible cause, apparently under the influence of desames have passed away from mortal life, and the medium Slade, with whom he had several se- he is apparently unwilling to put himself in such ances in his own home under circumstances that communication with them that they can answer satisfied him there was no fraud. True, he did him. Possibly they would not think it impornot assent to it being the work of spirits, still he tant to answer him if he did. Hence I shall encan be cited in refutation of Prof. Dolbear's er- deavor to answere here for them.

enough. For a man not to know of those named, ing and dead, for their pretenses in claiming to and their belief in the truth of these phases of know what they only believe. If I really did, it phenomena could be adduced as a strong argu- would be wisely held, by those who might read ment that the man is not a scientist. To ignore my charges, that I had never read any thing they their testimony as to any fact involving physical had written; and that my apparant glimmer of action is equivalent to an admission that he never knowledge of their writings, on which my asserexamined into the literature on the subject. In- tion was based, showed either egregious assumpdeed, Prof. Dolbear concedes the opposite of what he above asserts when later he remarks:

the phenomena genuine, but who attribute them, various times received from friends in spirit life not to spirits, but to some obscure physical force to show that they are not "mandlin rubbish."

Further he says:

psychics, by any investigator of any nationality any kind of a phenomena which is believed to be unexplainable on the basis of the knowledge may not greatly interest your general readers; of physical science we already possess."

ficient to say the professor refutes his own alle- read Prof. Dolbear's distribes and think they can gation, in the remark quoted just above, that not be refuted. Let such judge whether these "certain scientists attribute the genuine phenom- communications alone do not convict the profesens, not to spirits, but to some obscure physical sor of wilful ignorance on the subject, for our force not yet understood and but little investi- spiritual literature is filled with narrations of the gated." How can they when, as alleged, "every like communications. kind of phenomena is explainable on the knowl. Among my earliest experiences in the investiedge we now possess?" I might add too that gation of spirit phenomena the following oc Prof. Zoeliner suggests a "fourth dimension of curred at a public scance given by a medium matter" as possibly opening the way to a scienti- whose psychic power had two phases; one a fic knowledge of the spirit manifestations : a dark circle with the movement of material things, speculative idea which the editor of the Keview the lights floating around the room, strange of Reviews has recently elaborated at some voices (controls) speaking to us, the levitation of length.

of this claim under the general head, I pass it on an open table under a bright gas-light, beby for the present.

"Skillful jugglers such as Herrmann and Maskalyne, who have investigated many such phe- his honesty as a man.

nomena at seances, declare themselves satisfied that the whole is trickery.

This is, in part, not so much an outright error as the improper statement of a fact through to believe. In the dark circle, a strange voice, reasons I give only the initials of names and a The Board of Trustees of the National Spiritwhich it conveys a false impression. The professor that we had come to know as one of the controls, a blank address, as I believe the persons are still unlists Association met at Washington, D. C., on would find it difficult to prove that either Herrmann or Maskalyne many times visited the se-In different numbers of the Psychial Review, ances of a reputable medium and said they were

Further the professor says:

"Among all those who make up the great class of believers in the spiritualistic theory of phy-sical phenomena there is not a single physicist that is, not one to whom one would go for an explanation of any complicated physical process.

This is a sweeping allegation that would be hard for the professor to prove; and specifically it life some five years previous, in her own hand difficult to disprove, as we might not agree on writing, in these words: the physicists' capacity. But its improbability can be shown. It is a very low estimate to say there are at least seventy-five universities, colleges, and other institutes of education in these United States alone where a complete course of physics is taught. The professors that have been or now are engaged in these as teachers must dred thousand. Many of these have become famost in applied science, as engineers, metalmust have at least fifty thousand persons in this country alone, and from these sources any one of, "Reports of such phenomena have never come to whom, in Prof. Dolbear's language, "one would go for an explanation of any complicated physical process. If we have not, then is the alleged completeness of the knowledge of these laws a myth; and the professor can take which horn of the dilemma he pleases.

> I shall refer to this subject later with o her purposes. But he says:

> "Supposing some of the surprising things done are not the results of conscious duplicity, then it may be, as most interested persons

I can not understand how a man of Prof. Dol tigate the phenomena as to bring upon him the bear's general intelligence can, in the face of so reproach of being a monomaniac on the subject. many intelligent communications as have been Prof. Zoellner, of Germany, a scientist of the made public, influenced by or written directly by

I might, with as much truthfulness assert Many others could be named, but these are somewhat similar charges against scientists, liv

tion or shameless depravity.

At the risk of being prolix I will give here s "There are a small number who think some of few of the many communications I have at This is the attitude of Prof. Crookes, and of the Milan experimenters." [Schiaparelli, Du Prel, Aksakow, Gerosa, and others]

To show that they are not "mandlin rubbish." They may not be largely scientific, but they show something better—shall I say—common sense? Though inferentially, that might be held an aspersion of science; they show at least an interest "There has not been found in the whole field of in those they left behind them in their transition. years in mortal life, and then she had passed but the LIGHT OF TRUTH sometimes falls into the This is certainly a pretentious claim. It is suf- hands of investigators; and these may have

material things, and other physical phenomena; As I shall have something to say in refutation after which there was independent slate-writing tween closed and sometimes sealed slates. At the time I was quite a skeptic, for I had already seen enough in the medium to make me doubt dicate either yes or no by the strong mental ef-

On this special evening I was accompanied better understood this opposing influence, which by my daughter Minnie, who, was like myself an might be from mortals as well as from spirits. investigator, though already then more inclined said to her

"Minnie, there is a spirit here that knows you. Minnie responded to this, "What is the spirit's

The answer was, "Her name is Emma." My daughter remarked, "I can not recall any one of the name of Emma I know in spirit life.

What is her other name?" The answer was, "Thomas."

Now it was true that my daughter had a consin some years older than herself, who passed from she had had but little intercourse in her life, the only occasionally met or heard of this cousin.

There was nothing remarkable in this except that the medium could not have known Emma Thomas, as for he was a stranger in New York, and it could not have been mind-reading. But the remarkable thing followed. At the slatewriting seance immediately afterward there was a communication from a sister of Minnie-another daughter of mine, who had passed to spir-

Dear Papa: Now next week you can commence your sitting and come as often as the me dtum will let you, and you, dear Minnie, Emma here and she wants you to tell her mamma she

[Copied from the slate the same night, March S. 1884.1

Now here was a reiteration of the presence at the seance room of the spirit Emms; the second time by a different spirit, with a very tender and consoling message to the then living mother of Emms. The reference to my sitting was to urge this means of development upon me, as she had done in these slate-writing seances at different times during that month.

At a later seance with the same medium, this same daughter wrote another message between sealed slates-which I now transcribe from the siate before me-on which ere sere than a dozen communications, mostly mere recognitions of their presence by different spirits to their friends at the seauce; each in a different hand-writing. My daughter's is:

Dear papa and Minnie : I am delighted to see you toth here to-night. Minnie, you can not make auntie believe; let her dig out for herself.

The reference here is to a favorite aunt of both, that Minnie had vainly tried to convert to a belief in these spirit manifestations:

I now come to a message I dearly cherish. It is with some hesitancy that I make it public, fear admonition of Jesus: Matthew, chapter vii. 5

6, for it is indeed to me a most precious pearl. Following the suggestions of my spirit daughter, I sat for development with my daughter Minnie, and a gentleman and his wife for some six months at our home, on two evenings of each week for about half an hour, with a slate on the small table which we surrounded. We soon had manifestations of various kinds as hazy clouds, rattling of a tambourine hinging on the wall six feet away from us, and by and by little scratchings on the slate. These soon progressed to the forming of single letters; the initials of some we supposed me knew in spirit life, and later by the whole given name as that of my wife Louise, who had passed from mortal life some seven years before. At length, on Decem ber 8, 1884, came the following message, written almost as quick as a flash of light.

Sammy: It was not all sunshine on earth but it will be brighter over here. It is in my wife's hand-writing, a peculiar one, not the fashionable angular style. No person who compares it with letters she wrote in mortal life can refuse assent to the slate-writing being written by the same person who wrote the letters.

This communication may seem like "maudlin rubbish" to Prof. Dolbear, but I am quite sure if he had a wife with whom he had lived thirty of her body; and seven years afterward he received such a message as this from her, he would regard it as the sum of all wisdom and more to be valued than all his knowledge of the laws of physics.

During the period of these sittings for development the following remarkable communication was spelled out by table-tipping. And I may remark that up to this time I had very little confidence in the accuracy of communications so obtained. Mainly because a gentleman in whose acuteness of observation I had much confidence told me that as he sometimes sat beside the table where his parents obtained communications in 'yes" or "no," as to a query, "Is this you, John?" he could enforce the tipping of the table to infort of his mind, without touching it. Later I of lectures at their Temple."

In this copy of the communication for obvious

of E-, who was the first wife of the J-men- Chicago in September, by signing carefully tioned, and whose transition to spirit life had oc- drawn articles of incorporation and attending to curred some six years before. She had prior to all other legal business connected with instituthis frequently made her presence known to us tion of an organization of such magnitude as by this table-tipping method. J was not in this one. All of the trustees were in attendance the room with us at the time but in another part upon the meeting. Mr. George P. Colby, one of of the house with his second wife. He was a the ablest and most popular members of the confirmed skeptic as to the truth of spirit mani- board, was taken quite seriously ill with pneufestations of any kind ; though he had seen some, monia after his arrival in Washington, and was subject. The message was :

I want J to go and see E L -, she is iving at No. - West Twenty-th Street, and ell her for me, she is not living such a life as will make her happy when she comes over here.

None of us in the room had ever heard of this E- L and naturally we were curious to know what her manner of life was. I was chosen to communicate the message to J --- in such a way as to give no information of its character until he had admitted his knowledge of such a woman's existence. Solmy first inquiry was:

"Do you know a woman of the name of E-

"Yes," he answered, "I have heard of her. She was one of B---'s young friends."

"Well," I continued, "B- gave a message through the table, she wants you to take to her.' With much excitement of speech he exclaimed 'I coa't want anything to do with her; I bear she has gone to the bad entirely."

I then told him the message, but he was not enough interested to convey it to the woman for whom it was given. Now, here was a very convincing evidence of the continued interest which spirits feel in the welfare of those in mortal life. With the exception that B- was in a peaceful state of repose, as was otherwise evident by previous communication received in the same way from her and not in torment. This little episode is a counterpart of that recorded in Luke xvi., verse 27 31. Certainly the message can not be considered "absurd" or "irrational."

As to the "spirits never doing a reasonable thing to satisfy a competent judge." Did the professor ever try to obtain answer to a reason able request from any spirit he had known in mortal life competent to answer his request? much doubt it. Last Spring I wrote letters to two spirit friends I well knew when in mortal life; wrapping around each letter some sheets of blank notepaper on which to receive the answers without their being taken out of the sealed envelope in which they were securely fastened. This envelope was enclosed in another with a note to ing if it falls into the hands of unbelievers I George Cole, of Canarsie, N. Y., the well known

> In due time I received back the enclosed envelope with my letters and the replies, intact—as sent by me; no indication being visible by the most careful scrutiny that the envelope had been opened. The answers given to my letters are as reasonable and proper as they would have been had I written to friends in mortal life. One is too long to give here, though really the most convincing as it refers to a matter not mentioned, or indicated in my letter, and which Mr. Cole could not possibly have known if he had opened and read my letter.

(To be Concluded

Spartansburg, Pa.

After a sojourn of five months at that beautiful camp, Lily Dale, N. Y., I find myself once more amid the familiar scenes and friendly faces of home. It pays, I think, to leave home and sojourn among strangers for a time. The hearty God bless yous" from the new friends I left behind, with the loving clasp of hand, and the to permit of it. The addresses of Hon. Milan warm "welcome back" from old friends on my C. Edson, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Mrs. return, have added a chapter to my life I shall not soon forget.

I find the "Church of the New Era" ready to take up the work of progression, and do all for the cause their limited members and resources Hon. J. S. Drake, Mrs. Emma Nickerson Warne, the cause their limited members and resources Hon. J. B. Townsend, Judge E. Thompson, Mrs. will permit. Though weak in numbers we are strong in purpose and our endeavor is to plant another tree for Spiritualism, which shall take root, and whose branches shall spread until in time there shall be such an abundance of the fruit of spiritual knowledge that none shall go hungry or ask for that which feedeth the soul and be turned away empty handed. Our society holds regular meetings, once in two weeks. Your correspondent being their speaker for the present. Success to the LIGHT OF TRUTH. The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth, and "whom the gods destroy they first make mad.

MARY WEBB BAKER.

Anderson, Ind.

The Morning News of the 7th inst. says: Mrs. Lake, the spiritualistic lecturer, enter tained a very large audience at the Temple, on Madison avenue, Sunday night. Some time be-fore the hour for the services to begin the large audience room was crowded to its utmost capacity. The audience was a representative one, ng composed of ladies and gentlemen of many faiths and of various professions and callings. And it is safe to say that not one of the audience this way, he had frequently tested the power of his mind over the answers to their frequent queries to what they supposed to be some spirit logical, and possesses all the graces necessary to render highly interesting as platform speaker. render highly interesting as platform speaker. present who was tipping the table. If the re- She will be in the city three weeks, and will, no spouse from the supposed spirit was to be either doubt, have the pleasure of speaking to a crowded house every time she lectures. The society of spiritualists is to be congratulated that it was instrumental in securing the services of so able an exponent of Spiritualism as Mrs. Lake for a series

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH )

Wednesday, November 1st, and completed the The sender of the message gave first the name work begun under such favorable auguries in

> The officers and members of the board were warmly welcomed by the Spiritualists of the city, two receptions being given them during their stay in Washington; one on Wednesday evening by the society known as "Seekers for Spiritual Truth," and the other by that philantropic citizen and life long defendent of our cause, Mr. George A. Bacon, at his pleasant home on Nineteenth Street, N. W. Addresses were made by E. B. Fairchild, Hon. Milan C. Edson, R. A. Dlmmick, Theo. J. Mayer, Prof. H. D. Barrett, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper, and Hon. James B Townsend at the Wednesday evening meeting, which were received with marked approval by the entire audience. At Brother Bacon's residence, short addresses were given by George A. Bacon, Prof. H. D. Barrett, A. A. Wheelock, Mrs. I. N. Sloper, J. B. McQueary, and Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, who was the guest of the

Among the official acts of the board was the adoption of an excellent code of by-laws together with the setting aside of Sunday, December 17, 1893, as a "National Jubilee Day," to which the attention of all Spiritualists throughout the world is called in another column in this paper. Besides this, charters, circulars, and literature, pertaining to the National Association, were ordered printed and distributed for the benefit of all auxiliary societies throughout the United States.

The proceedings of the Chicago convention. which were ordered printed by that body, were reported to be in readiness for the press. Bids were received for their publication when it was found that the cost would be so great that it could not be done at the present time, unless sufficient funds were subscribed by the Spiritualists of the world for that purpose. At least twelve hundred and fifty copies must be pledged before the board would be warranted in ordering the work printed, and it was decided to lay the matter before the readers of all spiritualistic journals to see what action they would take in regard to the same. The work has been most carefully edited, and only needs the pledge of a small sum from each Spiritualist to soon have it in readable form. It will make a book of about two hundred pages, and will contain some of the choicest gems of thought ever uttered in behalf of Modern Spiritualism. It is a credit to the cause, and will reflect much light upon it. To allow it to remain unpublished would be a blot upon the name of Spiritualism, and we do not believe the delegates to that convention and their friend, will permit it to be lost in the world.

About two hundred and fifty copies have aleady been subscribed for, and other orders are now solicited. Send in your pledges, friends, and you will receive a work worth at least four times its cost to you. The board only asks the sum of twenty-five cents for each copy. There will be no reduction in price on any large number of books ordered by any one firm or individual, as the cost of publication will be too great C. Edson, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Mrs. Ada Sheehan, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Hon. L. V. Moulton, Mrs. Jennie B. H. Jackson, Mrs. H. S. Lake, Hon. J. B. Townsend, Judge E. Thompson, Mrs. Anna Orvis, and many others, are each and all valuable additions to the literature of Spiritualism and worthy of the attention of the most advanced thinkers on earth to-day. Each address is alone worth the cost of the whole book to any one wishing to keep pace with the progressive thought of the day.

Besides the able addresses above mentioned, the book will contain the name and post office address of every delegate to the convention, also Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's paper on Spiritualism that was presented to the World's Parliament of Religious, and published in its proceedings. Prof. J. S. Loveland has also been invited to contribute an essay in this book.

Now, friends, the matter rests with you. Who will be the first to respond to this appeal? Send in your orders to Secretary R. A. Dimmick, 510 Street, N. W., for one, ten, or a hundred copies of this excellent work. Spiritualists, the first edition should be at least ten thousand copies! Send in your orders by letter or postal card and thereby show your appreciation of the work of the convention. You need not send money at present, only send in your pledges, so that the size of the edition may be determined.

H. D. BARRETT, Pres. ROB'T A. DIMMICK, Sec'y. 5to E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

# Our Contributors.

THE JUDGMENT DAY. WALTER HOWELL.

If you have visited the British Museum, you will doubtless have entered the Egyptian section and viewed with interest the unique portrayal of the judgment as set forth in the book of the dead. One can not look upon such pictorial representations without a feeling of surprise coming over us, for here before our eyes is the record of ideas so near akin to those entertained by Christians, that one is lead to inquire, are Christian doctrines a reappearence of Osirianity under another name?

We find notious of this doctrine current mode of execution may vary, but the principle is involved. We shall not trespass upon your patience by examining the various conceptions entertained by ancient people, but will immediately consider briefly, the Christian idea, and offer such comments as may suggest themselves to our mind as we proceed.

It is popularly thought by those who entertain a materialistic view of the resurrection, that at the final winding up of the world's affairs there will be a general rewakening of the dead, and the eternal condition of all fixed by, the stand before the bar.

This view of the case is happily passing away, and in its place a more rational view established.

"It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment." What is the character of the judgment? Is man brought before some entertain such crude notions.

It requires some internal vision to perceive that the judge, the bar, the sentence, and its execution are all within ourselves. It was the keen insight of Socrates that enables him when adescape from death, but from guilt; for guilt is swifter than death, and runs faster. And now I, guardian angels during my earthly pilgrimage. being old and slow of foot, have been overtaken by death, the slower of the two; but my accusers, who are brisk and vehement, by wickedness, the swifter. We quit this place: I have been senpassed upon them, by truth, of guilt and injusto theirs.'

Panishment inheres in wrong-doing, reward heaven and hell as reward or punishment for doing right or wrong, and recognize them as states inherent in these courses of conduct, we shall the more clearly perceive the character of the judgment, and the nature of so called re wards and punishment. We enjoy the former rived home at last, where I found rest and peace. or suffer the latter in doing good or evil, not for the enactment of either.

If therefore you are seeking heaven as a reward for doing good, or avoiding hell by means of so called righteousness, you are sadly in error, for, "in keeping God's commands there is," not nature's laws there is much suffering. We are while doing wrong.

If we cease to entertain materialistic views or the resurrection and the judgment, we shall readily see that the scene of both these occurrences must be the spiritual world. Our last day,"the books will be opened." What are books? symbols of our thoughts, sentiments, and deeds. In the library of the soul what books are stored! The book of action, the book of thought, the book of loves, and the book of will. These books will be opened. If we did but know it, they are open now to those who can read.

It sometimes happens, in our earthly life, that a man does not appear as good as he really is. It also happens that circumstances do not favor a man's being quite as bad as he would like to be. Murder and passion are in the heart, when thinking mind are more potent, we may naturally expect to see more of the angel, or more of the devil than appeared upon the surface while in material life. But as evil is not almighty, it is not eternal; and ultimately all will rise to a spotless purity.

Just as the seed reveals its kind in the opening flower, if not in its appearance as a seed, so man old relics of every description. Here his studies in that it offers a rational basis upon which the discloses his interior life when more consciously acted upon by spiritual surroundings.

When the active volition, the dominant thought, and ruling love of life manifest themselves in the world of souls, these determine by a law of paychical affinity the condition or sphere in which objects come before him, and to his astonishthe novitiate shall move and live, for the time ment he discovers they all have relation to his basis, are forced to recognize a turning point or state being.

It is not needful that an audible voice give utterance to the words,"come, or go, blessed, or condemned." We gravitate by instinctive feeling to our fittest abode.

There is a sense in which judgment is forever taking place. The present passes judgment upon the past, and the future will judge to day when ceived that these pictures were prophetic of his embracing most of the methods of communicait becomes numbered with its predecessors. But future, and portrayed his possibilities. Gradually tion usually observed on such occasions. That tality of man were no proofs-that the mere bewe must not digress further in this direction, for these pictures seemed to be undergoing transit is a branch of the subject to which we shall

keep, and pass sentence accordingly. So long as animated and stood before him alive. The living the room, the hands remaining intact, is a prob-tions were favorable. The medium was placed are they after the gate money?"-11.

awaken conscience within those whom men regard as hopelessly lost. By and by, the soul recognizes in its surroundings and society em' blems of its thoughts and feelings; and as these strength from above. It requires much of the pouring of angelic love is needed before selfish. ness can be overcome. We judge our errors in the Light of Truth; and we pass sentence upon our passions in the sphere of pure love-

To those who have had and experience in spiritual manifestations, the illustrations here introduced will not be startling; but to such as are totally unfamiliar with either sut i ective or objecamong religionists of widely different faiths. Its tive apparition, they will sound strange and fanciful, if not the result of a disordered brain. To be highly spiritualistic is to be insane, in the estimation of a large portion of mankind, while to be grossly materialistic, is evidence of a sound mind. Ah, unbelieving world! What surprises await you when the veil of matter is lifted and ye stand face to face with the realities of spirit which ye have so long relegated to the limbo of eternal

The spirit of a West of England rustic came to me on several occasions and gave her experience on entering spirit life. She said," On passing out Judge who will commend or condemn according of the body, I found myself reclining upon a to the religious beliefs entertained by those who couch which had been placed, to all appearances. a little above my dead body. I could see the lifeless form, I could hear the lamentation, I knew the change had taken place. My beloved husband who had preceded me some twenty years; he having passed to spirit life in the full vigor of his manhood, leaving me to mourn the loss of august tribunal, and tried like a defendant in a one dear to my heart by a thousand ties. It was criminal court, to be condemned or acquitted ac- his voice that awakened me to consciousness in have heard a little child lisping an evening cording as he is proven guilty or innocent? A the immortal world. I looked upon his manly picture of this kind will readily come into the face, and it was as young and healthy as in our mind or the rustic, but the cultured will not courting days, only more attractive. His form had a radiance about it not of earth; his face shone with a light that never shines on land or sea. Presently I recognized other kindred souls whom I had known and loved in days gone by; and there were also forms I had never seen bedressing the assembly on receiving his sentence fore, yet they were not strange; for though I to say: "The difficulty of Athenians is not to did not recognize their forms, I sensed their spir it and knew by intuition that they had been my In company with these I took my journey, as it appeared, to our future home.

On our way I observed that everything that greeted the eye, had reference to my past life. tenced by you to death; but they having sentence Those to whom I had ministered in love, came and blessed me; those ideeds and desires which tice. I submit to my punishment, and they were selfish seemed to take shape and possess a voice which condemned me. So that by the time we had reached our abode, I had passed through inheres in doing right. When we cease to record my whole past life. Not one jot or title of the record had been effaced from the book of memory and life. I needed no outward judge ito commend or condemn me, I was self-accused and self-appreciative. I had never thought of books being opened in that fashion before. We ar-

"There are times when my thoughts and affections take an earthward journey, and then some of my old desires revive. A curious example of this is a longing for snuff, which was a strong habit of mine. In such states I see what appears to be my old snuff box, I have learned that is shall be, great reward. Likewise, in violating only a reflection of former association, and on reaching out my hand to seize it, it vanishes in heaven when we do right. We inhabit hell immediately. On reflecting a little, I thought of passage from 'the good old book every man's work shall be tried as with fire. If his works prove gold, silver, or precious stones, these shall be saved; but if they prove wood, hay, stubble, they will he consumed, by fire.' Now day is the day after death. In the light of that pardon the simile, but my snuff box was wood and it dissolves. I have wished, in such states Not mere paper, ink, and binding. They are the that it had been golden. Some day I will outgrow all this and no more sign for earthly

> Another spirit of different character tells his story. He was for a long time seemingly in dark ness. His experience is truly wonderful. Space will not permit a detailed account here; therefore I will confine myself to the more striking portion, and that which bears most directly upon the seance chamber that this turning point is our subject.

He had been awskened from a state of utter indifference to that which is good and true. He they dare not manifest themselves in conduct, had been endeavoring to "work out his own salvaand in a world where society, circumstances, and | tion"; and had made much progress, when he was the many outward deterrents are removed, and the apprised of the fact, that he would shortly be willing principle, the desiring heart, and the admitted into a college where he would be taught much. He gives an interesting description of his journey thither and reception which I will not tarry to recite.

After partaking of such refreshment as was given him on entering, and receiving an intro. tion given by this medium, and it is both intersphere of love, wisdom, truth, goodness, and duction to those in authority, he retires awhile esting and suggestive to recall that the phenomand is recuperated by the respite. On awakening he is taken into the museum where he finds commence. On first inspection, the objects continued success of this medium may be logicexcited little more than curiosity. Presently, a ally computed. The ranks of Spiritualism are psychometric sense comes to him, and with its aid, he reads the history of each object. Pictures of the past association and surroundings of the finding Mrs. Miller's manifestations convincing simply desire to deal with facts as to the phe-

After having studied in this department until he had gleaned the required lessons, he was taken of what they have witnessed, which is usually into an art gallery. Here he beheld pictures of presented by itinerent media. exquisite loveliness. These thrilled him beyond description. He studies them as works of art awhile. It was not long, however, before he performation. They became actual embodiments, filled with heavenly life. On looking towards in which a chair was manipulated, being sus-all the nations of the earth from time immemorial It is sometimes said that conscience will be our the museum, he saw that the partition, that sep pended in every conceivable position on the me- after all proved nothing. But I would investijudge. This is largely the case, but how about arated the art gallery from it, was disolving, and dium's arms, her hands being securely tied. To gate. I believed that I would be able to find the those who appear to have no conscience or in in a short time had entirely disappeared. Then see a lady's right arm passed through the openwhom conscience is dormant. In such instances as he gazed in bewilderment, wondering what ing in the back of an ordinary chair, her left rigion. I wanted the truth-nothing more, nothnatural affinity causes the spirit to consort with would happen next, he perceived that the appar- arm passing over it, and the hands tied in front, ing less. At length I attended a trumpet seance. its kind, and we know men by the company they ently fossilized remains of the past were now and then see the chair thrown to the middle of It happened to be a great success. The condi-

have less influence in stimulating the soul to living now. The books had been opened, and he And all in the twinkling of an eye. progressive thought and action. Varied and read them. The divinity within him passed sen- A gentleman's coat was asked for, and being subtle are the means used by the angels to tence upon the record. The individual, not an passed to the cabinet, it was only a few seconds the medium to manipulate the trumpet had she assembled world, is the scene wherein the master when it was properly adjusted on the medium as desired to do such a thing. We knew the hand "devideth the sheep from the goa's," the a gentleman would wear it, her hands being still moment the circle was formed that the medium chaff from the wheat

Emanuel Swedenborg, in his memorable relabecome abhorrent, it seeks light, council, and tions, relates the experiences of varied spirits apparently very rough treatment, being placed who had entered the spiritual world with set on the medium wrong side out, vice versa, and light of heaven to make hell visible. An out. theological notions of heaven and other matters every way imaginable with incredible rapidity, of faith. He tells us,"that the Lord permits such the hands being still tied. After a time the coat to enter just such condition as they had imagined, was formally returned to the owner, having been, and by long and painful experience prove for with the assistance of a handkerchief, fashioned themselves the falsity of their ideas in relation to into a bundle resembling an infant of doubtful true. I was satisfied that the medium did not such things. The Methodist soon tired of his age, a proceeding which occasioned some mirth eternal love feast, the self-conscious saint soon at the expense of the gentleman who, being a through the trumpet, for they talked of things wearies of everlasting repose, and others sigh benedict fledgling with a fine sense of humor which the medium knew nothing about. Now, refor change when under the delusion that permeating his being, accepted the test as being heaven is an eternity of worshipping God entirely appropriate. after an earthly fashion." Thus, the judgment comes to all, but in each case, it is terialized, gliding swiftly out, in the rear of some in a form best adapted for their eternal welfare. sitter retreating from the cabinet, and occupying In every instance is it an opening of "the books, his seat to his intense horror and consternation and an unsealing of that inner book, which is the book of life, out of which all are judged."

Now is the judgment of this world, says Jesus. Emerson puts it somewhat in this form: "Pailosophies, religious systems, old institutions, social usage, and domestic relations, have heard the sound of the trumpet and are rushing to judgment Every day is a judgment day, every place is a judgment hall. To day passes judgment upon yesterday. One generation passes sentence upon the preceding generations. At the close of a dispensation comes the julgment of that epoch.

In our individual experience we may trace the record of many a judgment. In listening to the burning words of some earnest preacher of righteousness we have in his voice heard the trumpet calling us to the bar of equity. We may prayer at its mother's knee, and in the words, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;" we have been condemned by the spirit of forgiveness for our unfaithfulness to it. On catching the sound of an old song, say, 'Home Sweet Home," we have been melted to tears, and a thousand memories have crowded in upon our mind. We have the treatment was given, seemed to be dematerithought of our disregard of maternal and paternal precepts and example, and again we are summoned to appear at the judgment seat. We see a human face, and it recalls infidelity or a broken promise; and before we are aware of it, we stand in the dock condemned.

Sooner or latter we must confront ourselves with all that it involves. Shall we commence this process of self examination now, or shall we defer it to some future day or other life? Think well. The atonement must be made. Would it not be wise to make all reparation here and now? By and by, those whom we have wronged will meet us face to face. They may have forgiven us; but we can not enjoy a sense of their forgiveness until we have righted the wrong. The law of retribution and the law of restitution are not voiceless, they cry aloud and demand recognition.

Happy is the man in whom the wheat has been separated from the chaff; the sheep from the goats, while on earth; for he shall have an abundant entrance into the immortal world, and every eye that beholds him, every voice which greets him, and every hand that clasps his, shall utter in look, word, and act, the familiar "well done," and bid him enter at once into the joys of the blessed, and the society of the angels.

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# THE SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA.

OSCAR E. MAYS.

Whatever may have been the purpose of the higher powers in vouchsafing physical manifes tation unto the world, it is safe to assume that many valuable lessons, practically demonstrating scientific truths, may be learned by investigating the phenomena in a manner free from prejudice or conventional bias.

Most persons who have ever had the desire to make the most of their mortal existence, have at some time or other experienced a time when the down hill tendency of their physical environments has been suddenly reversed by a corresponding up-hill tendency, and it is frequently in most forcibly presented to the intuitive powers

having always "lived in a glass house," it is not of justice and in harmony with the laws that gov for the purpose of "throwing stones," but more for the purpose of briefly describing some of the things seen or experienced at the home of Mrs. N. D. Miller, of Los Angeles, Cal., that the follow-

ing hastily prepared narrative is submitted. Three years ago and more it was the privilege of the writer to attend a seance for materializaena presented then did not differ essentially from that witnessed one week since. It is suggestive constantly being swelled by accessions of neophytes from the conglomerate mass, and these and susceptible of no explanation on a material which reverses adverse conditions, after which they are ready to investigate the logical sequence

The character of the phenomena witnessed some few evenings since varied from full-form materialization to independent slate writing,

tied securely.

After this the garment was subject to some

Amusing instances of cabinet spirits fully mawere numerous.

The writer was one of a few who were taken into the cabinet to be what the attendant spirit termed "magnetized." It seemed to be full of materialized hands, for at least eight or ten could be distinctly felt on the person, and if there is any virtue in a promiscuous rapping, slapping and tapping, at times more or less violent, then he was certainly magnetized.

This rapping tapping process could be plainly felt between the body and the arm, when the latter was held firmly to the former. Any fairminded person will admit that it is simply impossible to pat the right side of the trunk with the left hand when the right arm is held firmly to the side. The arm itself might easily be subjected to such treatment when in such a position but the rapping would be felt on the arm and not on the body under the arm, as was experienced by the writer when in the cabinet. Perhaps the "subliminal consciousness" so ably advocated by many distinguished scientists may clearly explain the phenomena to the understanding of those sufficiently erudite. During the magnetizing process the arm, under or through which alized or entirely done away with, which to us is a tenable theory. The investigator was then requested to examine the medium, who was found to be perfectly rigid and much shrunken in physical stature, bearing very little resemblance to her appearance before entering the cabinet.

It was then announced that "Alfrancis," a cab. inet control and a musician of some talent, would render popular selections on an accordian, which particular instrument bore very strong evidences of having seen long and arduous service in the hands of more or less competent performers. Naturally wheezy and of uncertain accentuation in the hands of s skilled mortal performer, an ability to extract perfect melody from such an imperfect mechanism was in itself an irrefragible test of spirit-power.

Many familiar airs were rendered in a manner which, to those of a partially evoluted psychic nature, evidenced genuine talent on the part of the immortal musician.

These manifestations continued for two hours and more, the character of the phenomena, as well as the deportment of the medium, being the lights were extinguished. Pretty soon that such as to inspire feelings of respect and veneration. Other media come and go, but she remains an esteemed and respected citizen, placidly plod. "Can you raise that trumpet to the ceiling?" I ding her way, oblivious to adverse criticism or asked. The spirit who had charge of it replied vituperative invective.

the following reputable citizens: Mr. and Mrs | times quite distinctly. All saw this, and these Ralford, Miss Rubie Raiford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ireland.

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# The Absolute Proof of It. BY J. A. WERTZ.

Spiritualism had its origin in what is known to day as spiritual phenomena. At present we have the phenomena and the philosophy, the latter coming as a natural consequence after the discovery of the phenomena. There are Spiritualists who have never attended a seance, and know nothing whatever of the phenomens, as it is termed. Such persons arrive at the truth through the process of reasoning from cause to of the materialist, or the passive investigator. effect. They will tell you that it is the only re-Such has been the experience of the writer, and ligion which is in strict accord with man's ideas ern the universe.

> But there is another class of persons, far out numbering the former, who are not satisfied with theories. They want facts-absolute proof that man has an immortal existence, that retains his identity after death, and that he is able to and does return to communicate with the living. When such proof is obtained-when the evidence is of such a character that there is no room for s doubt, the investigator becomes a Spiritualist. He will then devote the remainder of his life to telling his friends what he has learned, and how little he knew before he began his investiga-

It is not my purpose in this article to discuss Spiritualism from a philosophical standpoint. I nomena-facts which have come under my observation during the past three years while engaged in my investigation of the claims of Spiritualism.

It had been represented to me that Spiritualism could be proven-that the truth of it could be demonstrated as clearly as it was possible to demonstrate anything. I had my doubts about it. The whole thing seemed so unreal-so contrary to my ideas of materialism. To me the teachings of the Scriptures regarding the immorwhich was altogether inexplicable to the skeptic liefs in a future existence as entertained by those was the rapid and marvelously dextrous manner who wrote the Scriptures were common to nearly both if there was any in this much-ridiculed re-

conscience is quiescent, of course, surroundings past and the living future were blended into the lem not readily solved by the average skeptic. under strictly test conditions. That is to say, I held one hand and a friend, as much a skeptic as myself, held the other, making it impossible for could not talk through the trumpet unless we released her hands. As for the other members of the circle, they were personal friends, and would not attempt to perpetrate a fraud.

All received messages. Individually I was informed about things which I knew all about, and was also informed about some things which I did not know, but which I afterwards learned were personate the friends who came and talked to me member, these voices came through the trumpet, and since the medium could not have talked through this instrument without the freedom of her hands, the evidence in this case was very strong that the voices were those of spirits. But the proof was not absolute, although the next thing to it.

I began to get interested. Spiritualism was either false or true, and so far as I was concerned just then, I didn't know but what it might be the latter. Then I began a systematic course of investigation, and the more I investigated the more I knew-I will not say believed, for it is knowledge and not belief with those who know anything about Spiritualism-the more I wanted to know. This I am told is the experience of all earnest seekers after the truth. I have attended searces given under conditions when fraud would be impossible. I have witnessed manifestations which the medium with all the paraphernalia imaginable could not have produced by artificial means-in short, such manifestations as no man or woman might be able to produce even anything approaching them. I have attended seances where the medium knew but one language, and was not proficient in that particular one. During the session as many as three languages were spoken between the guests and their spirit friends. One lady talked Welsh to her husband who died beyond the seas. She was the only Welsh-speaking lady in the room, She talked in the Welsh tongue with somebody who represented himself to be her husband. Who was that somebody? Was it the medium? Certainly not. She couldn't speak Welsh. Was it someone else in the circle? No; because there were no Welsh people in the room save the lady mentioned. Now, here is the proof of it, at least in this case. If this one instance does not prove that this lady conversed with her husband who had been dead many years, there is no use to try to prove anything. The lady and her spirit husband talked about matters-family affairs with which both were conversant, and of other matters which occurred in the lifetime of the husband in the home in far-off Wales. Spiritualism is a humbug, is it? Let us see further about this thing. Let us give the doubter something stronger. At a seance held in this city (Anderson, Ind) bands of phosphorous paper were pasted around the trumpet. The circle was formed, and the trumpet placed in the center. The phosphorous shone quite distinctly, which enabled the guests to locate the trumpet after trumpet shot up into the air and floated about for a moment. Next it approached the writer. that he could. Instantly the trumpet was raised Among those who will endorse the above are to the ceiling, striking the latter two or three witnesses will file their affidavits, if necessary, to attest the truth of this statement. Who raised that trumpet to the ceiling? It was the work of no one in the circle, for all were joined together by their hands, making such a performance an impossibility. The same thing may be witnessed in any trumpet circle where phosphorous is used on the trumpet.

But here is another proof absolutely with no chance for doubt. The writer secured three pairs of slates and washed them in the presence of a witness. He also induced this witness to be present all the way through. We nailed these six slates together in three pairs, not myself and the medium, but myself and the witness mentioned. In each pair of slates notes were enclosed, addressed to friends in spirit life. The medium placed his hand on the pair which I and my friend held in our hands. He did this and nothing more. Presently there was a sound as if produced by writing. Then the slates were opened. There was a message from the relative addressed upon one of the slates. Her name was signed, and the message was in answer to questions contained in the note which had been enclosed in the slates. Who wrote that message? The medium? I can prove that he did nothing of the kind. It was just as much a message from the spirit that wrote it as if she had been alive in the flesh and wrote it.

I might enumerate fifty instances in which the evidence amounted to positive proof. If the skeptic can be convinced that the manifestations are not produced by the medium, then it is only a question of time when he becomes a Spiritualist, but I want to say that anybody may be able to learn that such notions are nonsense. First of all, arrange the seance so that there can be no opportunity for fraud. Let the seance be given under conditions by which fraud will be an impossibility. This done, the man or woman who is able to reason from cause to effect will readily see that something very remarkable has occurred provided the conditions have been favorable and the manifestations are of the usual character. But to persons who have not the ability just mentioned, even manifestations under the conditions named will fail to impress them. But then such persons would not amount to much se Spiritualists, even if converted.

Little Johnny had heard the minister exhart ng his hearers to enter at the straight gate. few moments later, when the contribution b was being passed around, he whispered: "Na

# SPIRIT MESSAGES.

We have a number of mediums employed for this de-partment who sit at stated seasons for spirit messages specially invended for our readers and taken down by an amanuensis. In justice to the spirit, the mediums, and the cause we would be pleased to have these mess-ages verified by those recognizing anything familiar in

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## REPORT OF SEANCE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

QUES -[T. F] Is the sun a ball of fire, or a planet surrounded by an electric atmosphere, emitting electric rays, which are transformed into light after reaching our atmosphere? Daspirits visit other planets? ANS .- The sun is both, the electricity being an

effect of the terrible convulsions going on

throughout the body material, though primarily

drawing the principle of electricity from the spiritual atmosphere and converting it into elec tricity, so called. Friction is said to create electricity. The principle is only relatively correct, but may stand as the cause to those who know not of a spiritual realm of life energy. But friction is needed to attract the principle that generates electricity; or the mother principle, as it were. Man attracts the same to him by activity, whether physical or mental. The energetic man throws off more electricity than the indolent man does. But this electrical principle modifies in comparison to spiritual unfoldment, becoming more and more soothing with a turn to psychical or intelligent effects in place of the physical or material. So far the sun has but little spiritual effect on the planets, and, consequently, not open to intercourse for spirits generally, or those closely allied to material conditions, as most of those known as bodily controls are. Those higher spirits who are so positive to material influences as not to be affected by them, and who need not depend on spiritual affinity between heavenly bodies to be able to travel, need not go directly to obtain information concerning them. Their clairvoyant vision and psychometric powers are sufficiently unfolded to see what they wish to know without having to make a trip in person. But such are more so licitous about the spiritual welfare of man than to develop mediums for such inspirations. There are plenty of mortals now in your midst who know by psychometric delineation the state of the sun to their own satisfaction, but fear to give it out on account of criticisms that it may awaken. They may not have it exactly correct, but by soliciting replies from a number, you can obtain a pretty fair diagnosis from inference. Spirits visit planets on the same principle that they do the sun, though the ways and means are better; and especially is this the case during the ed a god that was not in accordance with their perihelion of planets relative to one another. The light that illumines your atmosphere is an effect of the sun's electric rays on the same. If the sun emitted direct light-or rather, if the ether beyour atmospheric influence were capable of donable sins-just as the children of to day are being illuminated as that immediately surrounding planets, the whole of your solar space would be isluminated, and there would be no night beyoud the earth's shadow. You would never know of suns or planets other than your own, and your moon would only be visible as it is during the day, with perhaps a little more force at night, soentire space is illuminated on account of the same partaking of the nature of oxygen, hydro- equal in force to the suffering caused another ons, of course, know nothing of astronomy, except what some sensitive may divine, as your because of the loss. But you have created an abjects to-day. Probably the thought may attract outgrown by reparation or otherwise. Your vicinfluences that can help us on another occasion. tim is freed at death; your torment then be-We, as spirits, are much dependent for our in-

though the medium be entranced by spirit guide or merely overshadowed that we seldom, if at all, receive the clear message of the excarnate spirit who communicates? And is this not true also of lieving it true that sin was beyond reparation. messages gotten through independent slate or automatic writing? Does not the message partake of the medium's mentality, not simply, as to words and expressions, but subject matter; and if so, how are we to distinguish our a joy-a blessing indeed-a reward unlooked for thought, per se, from that of the guiding intelli- and unsolicited. gence? Do mediums ever receive a clear, perfect spirit message? You may sense my identity, and I ask this for the good of the readers as well as to receive the instruction of your own broad

experience in these spiritual matters. ANS .- Yes, it is true that spirit messages are more or less colored by the medium, but only in comparison to the set character of the same. Language, of course, will be the medium's, except in extraordinary cases, as that of Andrew Jackson Davis, where spirits used language and spoke of scientific facts unknown and incomprehendible to the medium in his normal state. In the majority of cases, however, the medium's impressions are tinctured by the opinions of the sitters. In the presence of a strong, self-opinionated mortal, a medium is weak, and made so by the selfum. To distinguish your own thought from the logical reasoning. The conclusions you reach by this process are your own, and stand to your credit. But those that flash on you spontaneous-

tractions. The time will come when a man will sult is the well-known spirit rap. be ashamed to say he can not get any truth out of mediums. They are your mirrors; that is all. QUES .- [J. F. Hilling.] Will typhus, typhoid,

and similar diseases ever be brought under control without medicine? ANS -Yes, when people live in accord with spiritual teachings; that is, the moral philoso-Buddhism being self denial; of Confucianism sympathy; and of Spiritualism, tolerance and selflate then. Begin now, and you may escape it when the germ is in the air; or be only slightly affected by it-just enough to burn up the mi crobes in your blood and leave you positive to contagion in the future. All such diseases are germ diseases, but the affinity is in the human system. It is like seeking like. A pure arterial system can not take diseases of that nature. Small-pox is one of them. This, too, is only dangerous to those who are themselves contaminsted, either by inheritance or present mode of living. Spirituality, however, is death to all con-

QUES -[G. B, Chrisney, Ind.] Is there an unpardonable sin as spoken of in the Bible?

spiritual law.

tagion, and often proves a blessing to the one

future. If practiced long enough it will purify

its own physical system; and enable the practi-

mission of mortals, and that most rewarded by

ANS .- In the earlier days of spirit inspiration people were not as tolerant as they are now-adays, and spirits had to deal with them accordingly. Uncharity and vindictiveness, or the desire for revenge, is a complement of intolerance. Such people would not understand simple cause and effect with the possibility of redemption by reparation. Nor would they have accept measurement of life generally. Thus the spirit world pandered to their tastes, as well as to a need of the times, and held them in check by making certain evil or wicked deeds unparsometimes frightened into submission by similar fables. But there is truth in it also, regarding "unpardonable" as a metaphor, or a word of relative meaning. If you have committed a wrong that results in a discord of spirit, and do nothing to free yourself from the suffering or remorse this occasions, you will find it to be "unpossibility, undertake a sacrifice that would be gins, and will seem unpardonable in the be-QUES - [White Rose.] Is it not true that even know which way to turn to make amends. Spirits suffering under these circumstances, too, may have given these inspirations, beand thus unpardonable. Live right and pure; be just and temperate : tolerant and unstained : forgiving and honorable; and life in spirit will be

> QUES .- [H. A. Laws ] As I am sitting for slatewriting, would it interiere to sit for table-tipping also ?

> ANS .- Not at all; one would most likely help the other in your case, to judge by the eagerness to sit, as it is displayed in your magnetism. It may be a spirit impression to do both. Follow it out, and unlooked for results may be the outcome. Or it may be simply to try you in table-

QUES-[E. B, St. Louis] I received many raps on articles of turniture, as well as on tin and chinaware. How do spirits produce these raps? ANS .- You should have asked how do they produce them through you; as the modus operandi opinionated spirit attactions of the sitter-the lat. varies according to the battery used, or the agenter overshadowing the spirit attending the medi- cy at hand to operate through. Spirits often rap without a mortal medium, finding the medium spirit's is to note the suddenness with which new in old furniture, door panels, door sills, bedideas spring upon you at times. New thoughts are ding, books, oll paintings, and other household From Middleport, O : I am very happy to come not created like soap bubbles, but are an effect of paraphernalia. The best of rapping mediums are often at loss to know why their spirit friends can not rap. The opposite pole is wanting. Inferior mediums are sometimes surprised at unly are put there by somebody who lends them to looked-for results. The agency for a good conyou until you can claim them as your own by an nection is at hand. This agency may be comunderstanding of them, and in turn have sent posed of a single spirit, a combination of spirits, them forth for others' benefit-just as the spirit a wardrobe, a table, an old arm-chair, a bed, or a did who inspired you with them. Do mediums particular room or house. Or it may consist of a ever receive a clear, perfect message? Yes, to an particular mortal, or a circle of select or harmoextent. If not clear, you can easily make it so nious friends. Some mediums get raps only on by cutting out the dross or that which is the me- special occasions, as it takes very special comdium's. There is bound to be some thoughts binations to make a positive and negative connec-

not the medium's. So, shoolute'y speaking, it is occur nry, thereby preventing the escape of not the medium, but the spirit who does the un- magnetis s, also make good connecting centers From West Hoboken, N. J.: Good afternoon much at fault as the medium; and the spirits to furniture and interences made accordingly. In under the water, out of the sight of mankind, to will reflect it; if irritable, likewise; if deceptive, magnetism. In touching a given point an imgets from an unconscious or trance medium. The mortal battery, drawing the force to the spirit or an effect of scientific investigators and their at. a jar against or on the subject touched. The re-

> notice incidents that revive remembrances, ap parently, of similar occurrences, though unable to recall them. What is your opinion?

Ans.-These are pictured images in the sou that have been engrave! there, either by forgotten co-incidences of childhood, or made by readphy that accompanies each religion-that of ing, dreaming, studying art, and so forth. There is also a phase of mediumship-an interblending and Judaism, benevolence; of Mohammedan- of psychometry and clairvoyance-which, upon ism, temperance; of Christianity, charity or rapport with an object, a person or an incident, brings a scene to the mind's eye simultaneously fulness of self. This state of mind not only the material. The interblending of the two begun with the advent of the disease. It is too appear to be a remembrance of something seen before. Take your choice between the two.

> QUES - [G. W. G., Hancock Point, Me.] How does a spirit make the raps?

> ANS .- By establishing a connection between a mortal medium or spirit closely allied to some mortal, and a given point near by, making some object well impregnated by human aura, the positive pole of the battery or telegraph thus formed By a simple touch of the spirit on the other end a vibration or current from the mortal end to the spirit occurs, which results in the rap.

### SPIRIT MESSAGES. Richard Poorman.

touched, because it is a house-cleaning for all the Of Colfax, Iowa: Good afternoon. Well, I dewhich I have longed for, has come at last, and I tioner to become a nurse for the sick, the highest can voice my thoughts to those I love. Rachael, I am so glad that you have opened the door-way. It was a long time before you could be induced to do so, but since cur beloved child has passed away you seem more enxious to hear from the anseen shore. Well, he is with me. I am with you, and so if he is with me, and I am with you, then we are together. Is this not true? And, when at times you sat alone in that hour of holy thought trying to analyze your own condition, I was right beside you, and when the dear boy came I was the one that received him on the spir t side of life. You felt then that the blow was harder than you could bear; you could not reason with yourself at all and thought that no more sunshine could ever enter into your life again. Then that kind friend, through the fullness of her love for you, invited you to go wi h her that bright day to a distant place, and you went. I came and communicated with you, nd the weight seemed to pass away, and your heart grew lighter. I am happy, and I know you, are happy because of the possibility of spirit communication. Good-bye.

Richard Caffee, called, or eve as it would be in fact. We believe pardonable" in fact, if that is to stand for relief. From White Water, Kan.: Good afternoon there are some smaller solar systems where the But if you undo the wrong; or, if this is beyond friends. I am here this afternoon on a mission of love. I would reach out unto those who are near and dear to me upon the earth plane, and gen, nitrogen, and other ingredients in suffi. by your wrong act, you will outgrow the discord who are at this time becoming interested in that cient quantity to make up an atmosphere an- of soul or spirit, and thus obtain relief from the which pertains to the future. It has only been a ing to you, Caroline, because of the many conalogous to yours. The beings of these re suffering caused thereby. You may rob a man few short years since they were all bound tightly versations we have had on the subject. of his heritage. He will suffer during earth-life, in the chains, but through the forces of different sensitives often divine things that have no ex solute principle in your being, which begins to limit and are now seeking the highest and grandprepared to give you particulars on these sub- suffering caused the other, which remains until one direction where they can have no doubt as to the genuineness of that which is given. Phæbe, I am here this afternoon, and I desire you to read this message and feel that it was in answer to formation by inspiration as earth mediums are. ginning, from the fact that you hardly the desire that you sent toward me, that I come. Yes, there has been changes since I passed away. You do not understand why these must be, but it is all well with you and S:ephen. Elizabeth, do not oppose their making the change. I will try to impress you each day as just how to act under all conditions that may be around you. Helen sends a message of love also. Good-bye.

# Geo. W. Dwyer,

From Kansas City, Mo: I am happy this afteryour valuable paper to those I love. I know that them to investigate still further this grand and beautiful philosophy. Henry, cast out of your mind all doubt and know that spirit communication s possible. If you receive anything that you tipping, which, if it proves successful, may be can not understand, lay it aside, but hold fast to the means of instructing you as probably needed that which comes to you as true. Agnes is with me and so is brother Charl s. Do not fear the cpinion of others, for in the ranks of the Spiritualists you will find some of the finest and most intelligent people. I would like to have you take the Arena, for in it you will find good, substantial scientific facts which will improve your mind and guide you into a safe harbor. From your affectionate brother.

# Susanna Kauffman,

because I can come in this way to you, my dear children, and I am very grateful indeed to the friends here for opening to us this avenue whereby we may be able to give comfort to the loved ones. I have passed to a higher and brighter you as it is, for each one is trying to do that which is right, and trying to live true to himself edge in a few of his own ideas. The latter are been closely protected from draft during mortal fullness of my spirit love. Good-bye,

Chauncey R. Cook,

necessary talking. Spirits are sometimes as or batteries-ahie's principle may also be applied friends. It is possible for those who have passed who are communicating to a mortal draw on the rapping them the spirit touches the point or cen- return. It is strange to me to do so, for I have latter for intelligent manifestations, the medium ter upon which he has placed his battery not often tried to communicate with those who are being only the automaton in the tripple alliance, or connecting wire-a magnetic one-and related to me and who still live upon the earth, or spiritual trinity-the law of communion. If which can be moved from one good center to as you call it, but I found it necessary to comfort the mortal is clear-headed, the spirit attending another, or to any part of the room desired, if one who is near and dear to me at this time, and I will sid the medium; if verbose, the medium the whole room is a battery or storehouse of feel by coming here it will be a comfort to her, for she will receive this communication. Emms, the medium becomes an unconscious liar. You mediate connection is made with the medium, or my dear wife, I am often with you in spirit, and I can generally judge the sitter by what he or she spirit setting as medium, or circle composing the feel that our daughter will be better soon. Do not grieve because you can not go to her just at wonderful revelations made through Davis were spirits operating with sufficient rapidity to cause this time. I send my spirit love to each one of you, and I want our son Eddie to stay where he is a little while longer and by and thy there will QUES - [W. S. S., Upland, Iad | I frequently be a way opened for him which will be more agreeable to both of you. You perhaps may think I do not know, but I do.

### Amos Huntington.

From Chelsea, Iowa: Good afternoon, dear friends. I am glad to be with you. I have often wondered if it would be possible for me to pre sent myself in this manner to you, and I am more than grateful that I am able to do it. I desire to send a message to those who are near and dear to me, especially to Elizabeth. I want her to culture. All these are based on love or forget with the sensing of the cause within or behind know that I am often with her and am very glad indeed that she is beginning to understand a litcures, but lays the foundation for health to the phases or gifts, the effect of which resolves itself the more about that which pertains to spirit comgenerations to follow. But the cure must not be into thought, gives it a familiarity that makes it munication. Harvey is with me and also joins in sending love to each and every one of you. Hoping that I will be able to come again soon, I will now say good bye.

### Wm. R. Meeker,

From Sugar Ridge, O: I desire to send a love message to those who are near and dear to me by the tie of nature. I have not been very long on the spirit side of life, but since I have passed over, two other dear ones have come to me, and we all join in bringing love to those who still linger upon the earth plane. I would like George to know that I am always with him. I would alevery spirit that is liberated from the material to the many friends who knew me.

### Loria Mills.

From Quincy, Ill: I desire to send my spirit greetings to the loved of earth, and I want those who are near and dear to me to know that I am happy on the spirit side of life. I passed over not long since, but am enabled to return through the great love of my mamma and all of the loved ones. I know I was young when I passed away, but still I am happy and desire the dear friends who knew me in the Far West to know that I am often with them. I am glad I knew a little about Spiritualism before I passed over. Accept my love and think of me as your friend and companion. I am happy on the spirit side. Good-

## Timothy Lee,

Va. I want her to know that Tim is all right on the street or in the office, wherever he chanced when I bursted the shell, I mean the shell of ignorance, I came out in the full bloom of knowledge. I do not mean that I know all, but I know that I can live as a spirit. That will be gratify-

# Charles R. Hunter.

conditions they have reached out beyond the chain From Lewisburg, Ky .: Dear friends, I desire to send this communication to my wife and mother. istence for the general mind. But we are not pain as you approach spirit life-a reciprocal est truths which are coming to them positively in I am happy to day and feel to rejoice in spirit bewhile upon the earth plane, but to day, although to receive communications, and doing to I feel ones, that you knew me and will rejoice with me to-day when I say I am happy and progressing on the spirit side. The power that I have always said would finally be the mighty power on this side of life, (I mean the electric forces which I will be the mighty forces which shall rule all the noon to be able to voice a few words through motor powers in the by and by. I was very fond of machinery of all kinds and am still tryit will bring to them much doubt, but may lead ing to penetrate in all that will be of benefit to maukind. I have not lost interest in anything pertaining to those I love or that which will be of use and benefit to mankind. Your affectionate husband.

# Charles Stevens.

I bring love to the dear ones, five in number, who still linger upon the earth plane. Herman, Elizabeth, and myself are all together. We want you to feel at rest within your soul and know that we guide you and direct you wherever you go. There is no death but there is a higher birth when we are freed from the conditions of earth. We come to guide, and cheer you and fear not. This is one of the many messages we will endeavor to give you. From your loving brother. North Adams, Mich.

# VERIFICATIONS.

(To the Editor for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.) I see in the Message Department of October 28 h a message from Besty Ann Bronnenberg. life, yet I am not far off as I had thought I She is my spirit wife. The names she speaks of would be from the ideas received while upon the are all correct. Jacob is my brother, Elizabeth school question and the Corrigan Satolli imbrogearth plane. I am glad that it is as well with my sister, Girty my daughter by my last wife, Maggie my niece, Jessie is the daughter of one of my nearest neighbors. I thank the medium and and overcoming that which would be detrimen- the kind angels for sending us those messages tal to them. Freddie, money is good in its way, to help us on our way. I also see in the same but happiness is far better. Mary, I want you to number a message from Jessie McMullen that I not belonging to the melium, or there is no tion for rapping purposes. Objects much handled still think of me as your mother and know that I also recognized. We were intimate friends for message. A spirit sometimes needs a great deal by mortals make good connecting points for rap- can guard, guide, and protect you from the spirit some forty years. He was not a Spiritualist, but of a medium's thought and word vocabulary to ping mediums. Sick-rooms, or those which have side of life. This message is sent through the an Infidel. He has been on the other side about fathers," are giving her active aid and sympathy. twenty years. CARROL BRONNENBERG.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH!

## A Tribute to Maternity.

EDWIN KINGLERY HURLBUT. I have viewed the lotty mountains With their crown of crystal snow I have mused upon the sunset In the evening's crimson glow I have gazed o'er waving grain-fields Where the light and shadows chase But in beauty naught can rival The sweet smile on mother's face.

I have beard if e gentle ring dove Cooing softly to his mate I have watched the youthful lovers Trysting at the orchard gate Seen the father greet his children With the tenderest cares, But the love that naught may sever Lies enshrined in mother's breast.

When the mocking bird was singleg

I have listened with delight, And have caught sweet strains of music Wafted on the breath of night I have heard the mighty organ Hid the soul of man rejoice But no melody has touched me Like my mother's gentle voice. I have read the fabled story Of Aladdin's countless gems Priceless jewels glow and sparkle In the royal diadema Wealth of vanished kings and empires Is a theme that ne'er grows old

But whose pen shall write the value

Of the mother's heart of gold

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## EDGAR ALLEN POE.

WHITE ROSE.

While one is persuaded to believe much that is said in the Dial s criticism of Poe's works by John Burroughs, especially its estimate among men of letters, yet may we not believe that both Mr. Gossie's and the Dial's judgment and estimate contain truth, but not the whole truth? Poe can not be classed with popular American poets, such as this century produced. He was a unique genius, a man swayed by psychic forces, which, so like to have Franklin know that each and to a large extent, befogged his spiritual vision and insight, and necessitated a dreary, melancholy body can return, and hold communication with state of mentality, from which crept the shadclare, how surprised I am that this opportunity them. I join now in sending love to all and also owy forms and seemingly soulless words at times that gave his prems a sinister and foreboding character. Poe was and is misunderstood. So was and is his messages-yet shall we discard the pearl because found in a rough shell, or the lily because floating amid the slime? Yet Poe's poems have a value, not simply as a matter of art, but a matter of conscience. And if the latter value, then, though he wrote like an angel, had the brilliancy of poetic inspiration that made Byron the greatest lyric poet of the world, that fact adds lustre and value to his poetry. I fear that Poe has been and still is the object of scorn and condemnation by those who class him as a man among the drunkards and libertines of the world. Yet I, for one, maintain and can give evidence to that effect, that Poe was and still is unjustly maligued by his contemporaries in art and the erjoyment of such art. Poe was not only From Richmond, Va.: Well, I am glad to come rarely gifted and inspired as a poet, but he was a this afternoon, as I come for a purpose. I did think | cataleptic-subject to what is known in common was not going to get in at this time. I want to usage as the trance. And he had no control over send this message to Caroline Lewis, of Roanoke, it. This state would seize him when unaware,

and that he has bursted his shell and came out to be, and it became the "Raven" of his soulblooming, that is, I came out on the right the nightmare of his sleeping and waking. Is side of life. I did not think that I would know there any wonder that his thought is so gloomy very much after I was put down in the tomb, but since it was baptized in this seemingly sepulchral atmosphere-and yet conscious, his whole moral and spiritual being rises up to mutiny against this tapping at his door. And I believe that had this generation eyes to see, an I spiritual understanding and perception to read between the lines of his otherwise exquisite poems, it would find Poe the man, if not the genius, buried as some giant Enceladus beneath a load and burden of responsibility, which shift and turn as he may he could not throw off. And his cause of this truth. I did not understand it poems, though chilled by his helplessness and by his broken spirit that sought in mysticism, not out, I might say, of the earth plane, yet I ideality, or, if you prefer, in another state of come closely in spirit to the ones who are sitting being, redress for these seeming ills to which his flesh was heir, or, as they have ever been, songs of grateful to them for permitting me to come. the nightingale, when his eyes are pierced out, There were many things in my life that caused asking, begging, imploring for one hope, one star, many to misunderstand me, but I know, my loved one argel token from the Stygian shore. And that "nevermore" was all Poe got for his battleso far as the story runs-yet we believe that when the thin veil was removed at death he awoke to a consciousness of life, whereas in life he seemed to have but a consciousness of impending, overstudied long to comprehend) I still feel that they hanging, overshadowing death. The fruit of a life, invited by his psychic condition-that of catalepsy-is plucked from his poems, is a study for moralists and men, and who will say that such fruit, though bitter, is not also for the healing of the nations?

> It is now stated that Mr. Geary introduced his bill in August, which is known as the Geary Act, at the instigation of the Roman Catholic authorities, who thought in this way to strike a blow at American missionaries, it being arserted that all the Romish missionaries in China are from the countries of Europe. Some recent developments lend force to this statement. When it was asserted that the enforcement of his act would be likely to bring retaliation on the part of China, Mr. Geary proposed that the "American missionaries be required to come home on penalty of protection being withdrawn after one year." No further move on Mr. Geary's part is necessary to show the monkey which is using him as a cat's paw. - Boston Investigator.

Those Protestants who have been indulging a hope that Roman Catholics in the United States were about to become hopelessly divided over the lio, would better learn to depend on correct principles rather than on factional disputes among their enemies. The monsignor and archbishop have settled their differences, and the worm that was to have eaten the Romish gourd in the United States is dead. Rome is fast sapping the bulwarks of American liberty, and thousands of so-called Protestants, "degenerate sons of noble -American Sentinel.

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Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their - JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

## THE NEW EDUCATION.

A New York monthly, taking the name we have placed over this article, brings in its September number a paper read before the College of Preceptors, Cambridge, entitled "Creativeness; or, Self-Activity as a Means of Education."

The author, H. C. Bowen, starts out to say that Creativeness, the psychological meaning of which is not always clearly understood, is far too limited in its application-a principle which may be applied to all school subjects, and which, when applied, proves useful and suggestive. In other words, to teach by the inductive or intuitive method-"to call into play certain activities in our pupils. The learner has to be induced to take in, to master or assimilate and retain what is taken in, and to give out-to give expression to-what he has learnt."

The writer then criticises the present cramming process of educating children by saying: "The whole desire of some would seem to be to induce the pupil to take in as much information as possible, caring little apparently what becomes of it afterwards, provided it is retained for a while, and grudging the time spent on giving it out Others again are not occupied with the pupil's giving out his information; not, however, as being in itself a valuable means of education when rightly dealt with, but simply as a test of how much information has been acquired and retained. Such begin their educational plans by sketching the scheme of an examination." (Tickling the vanity of parents-inciting the young to vie for medals-resulting in doctors' bills-often in undertakers' expenses-and closing with the gratification of having a smart child, but dead, while the dull boys, who having been criticised, have retained their vigor, reached manhood safely, educated themselves later by the progres sive method, and are a pride to their parents as line entities) It is against this old method that we have been protesting for the last ten years Now comes The New Education, and takes up the thread on the principles alluded to. Continuing the subject the author says:

Both content with mere retention, ignoring assimilation, and making it a great point that out even a change of words-a young learner loses all trace of himself in what he gives out. And yet it is precisely this personal participation which is of the highest importance in the conversion of information into what we call knowl

Information becomes knowledge when it has been taken in and placed in its right relation to what the learner already knows; when he has mastered its meaning, and realized its bearing on other facts and things; when, in short, he understands it in such a way as to be able to put it to its simple natural uses. The history of the growth of human knowledge has been the history of growth in the comprehension of the rela-tion between facts and between things, based on careful observation and experiment. We teachers should therefore remember that we have to make clear, establish, and maintain these relations, if we wish to produce understanding. To produce this result there is no better plan than inducing the learner to make use himself of what he has acquired. In this way we at least re-arouse at-tention and re kindle interest, on which attention so largely depends.

Further on the author says that by the process of taking in, assimilating, and expressing, the child's self is called into action, and thereby his whole being is developed. In spiritualistic parlance he becomes an individualized free thinker -not enslaved by an orthodox educational discipline-and therefore broad-minded, tolerant. to stand by the Constitution, build upon its prin. such a spirit in the midst of a people who know ciples, follow in the van of mental progress, and no religion in citizenship. assimilate genius with inspiration, only made possible under such conditions. At the close he says: "In the lower and middle forms of our schools, we have far too much book-learning and mere wordiness, and far too little genuine selfactivity." To which we add: At the sacrifice of spirit will tolerate no such intrigue-no such genius.

The paper also has other articles bearing on the same lines of reform. In its editorial notes it denounces the "commercial greed as embodied in the salaried agents of manufacturers of schoolbooks," which may cause reflection in those who occasionally solely to aid such sharks, with a ten per cent. commission for themselves.

In all, it is a hopeful sign for our future school children, and we trust it will not fail of its prompt attention from a vigorous opposition.

## After Congress -- What ?

Congress has adjourned. For this the people nght to be devoutly thankful, and if any reason in the nature of things exists for President Cleveland to appoint a day of thanksgiving the burden of the song of relief from the nauseating ges explosion in Washington ought to furnish it, and the refrain ought to reach the "Throne of Grace." For nearly three months Congress has wrestled with the question of the country's duances, and leaves the field vanquished and the people are left at the mercy of the money power, their hands tied, and their patrimony passing before their strained eyes into the clutches of plutocracy and mammon. The effect of the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, so-called, renders silver as money a mere credit metal to fint only as it can be redeemed in gold. Gold is the standard, and this is what the English and American banks and money-leaders have fought for. In order to enhance the value of gold, silver must be demonetized. Thus we have \$1,100 000 000 of paper and silver now in circulation, resting on \$100,000 000. of gold coin, and \$90 000 000 of gold builton available for redemption. In order to offset the deficiency in gold collateral it is now treasury reserve. This will give the banks a the people can pay it all.

The gold power and Federal patronage have executive dictation. Wall Street and the national apple.

At no time since the infamy of 1873 has the the bare right to exist. gold power been so flagrantly and wantonly foisted in the faces of the people as in the events which characterized the recent Congress. It is and as a result, in 1893, according to the daily to be hoped that the Spiritualists and Liberals of press, we have a tidal uave, and everywhere the this country will become sufficiently awakened Republicans are victorious. The pendulum will by these events to throw off the yoke and stand out with the few unpurchasable defenders of honest money and honest politics, and rid the only to disappoint the masses; to be followed by realm of public life of the intriguers and catspaws who are loading the country with disgrace

If the men who know that our institutions their faith in the poltroons who use public office the people. as a private trust, and cease voting for men who are leagued with the money power, they could control the balance and formulate a policy that would bring about a better state of affairs. Where will these men be found in the next national

### The Faribault System in the Pittsburg Schools.

Trouble is feared in that sweet-scented cloister of puritanical notions called Pittsburg, by an .at tempt to introduce the Faribault system in some of the public schools. It appears that four nuns were elected as teachers, and the various patriotic organizations are protesting against the installation of the shorn and hooded females. To add to the muss one priest refused to allow the city physician to vaccinate the four hundred pupils of his parochial school. In this the priest did a good thing, but not from a motive of conscience regarding the evil of vacci-

By the way, what are the Spiritualists of Pitts burg doing, if anything, in the way of protesting against the shameful state of affairs in that city? We understand they have a "church" there, and certainly they ought to be heard on those measures which are being introduced and have already become laws whereby their city is known throughout the country as a shining light of puritanical customs which were supposed to thanks, nor Thrones of Grace, nor mildewed have become obsolete long ago. Now that we sermons. the information shall be given out in the exact have a National Organization the Spiritualists (orthodox) form in which it was taken in, withshould make themselves known and heard on these topics, and in no uncertain manner. The LIGHT OF TRUTH will be glad to know that the friends of Spiritualism in Pittsburg are up and doing. It is reported that committees represent ing one hundred lodges of various patriotic school superintendent and protest against the introduction of the Faribault system. Were the protest? If not, why not?

# A Warning to American Catholics.

Jesuits claim to seek America in order to enjoy its hospitality and religious tolerance. Of late years, however, there seems to have been a marked inclination to abuse that hospitality and tolerance by securing all the offices possible for Catholics and absolutely displacing Protestants where possible. We are sure the latter never made any discrimination in religion when a man was needed for his services, until it was taught them by Catholics.

If such an organization as the A. P. A. has sprung into existence to counteract this policy we do not wonder. The Chinese, Mohammedans, Jews, or any other religious sect would meet true to himself, and the kind of citizen we need with the same opposition were they to manifest

Catholicism is not regarded as a religion when it becomes tainted by a policy not down in the moral code of American citizenship, which means the carrying out of the United States Constitution in spirit as well as in letter. The American foreign principle within the domain of the Stars and Stripes, and those who make the attempt are ignorant of the temper of the average United States citizen. The intrigue worked smoothly along without protest, because the American is naturally tolerant-not believing that it could begins to manifest through the Catholic youth it tells a tale of treachery and so called Jesuitism that can not be longer tolerated, and which needs

The rising generation may be perfectly guilless | monumental assurance engendered thereby.

has been so taught, and now have a lesson to American Bimetallic League, has issued an adunlears. If they become the innocent victims of dress to the members of that body, a portion of an uncontrollable persecution, they have only which contains the mest of the political reform Howe is one of our best trance speakers. an uncontrollable persecution, they have only which contains the meet of the position persons guides who inspire his organism are rational their elders to blame excepting perhaps those egg. We reproduce it with the hope that it may guides who inspire his organism are rational of American birth and rearage, who, in numerous reach the puzzled minds of the country upon the instances, seem incitized to be American in their recent anti-stiver legislation, and make them see Catholicism, or inclined to establish an American the necessity for united action in the coming Talunge are flished along the telegraph wires of Church with a Catholic foundation, as the Epis struggle, for the mone, question has not been this country and thereby reach hundreds of copal Caurch in hagland was founded. Under settled by the repeal of the Sherman law. Genthese circumstances we may be tempted to regard eral Warner says their policy as classishness simply, which is "The remedy must be sought at the hallot be a

But under all other circumstances it is un-American, and not in accord with American prin. and the issue and control of the paper money by ciples. There is still time to reconsider or retract, and thereby regain the confidence of the his trust and elect only true and tried men to whole people. But once this is broken, all hope represent your interest in the great struggle of ever re establishing any tolerance for Roman Catholicism in America is at an end. American Catholics should bear this well in mind.

### Then an Earthquake, Now a Tidal Wave.

Tarelection in 1892 of C'eveland and both proposed to issue more United States Houses of Congress was ever after designated a bonds and buy more gold to strengthen the political earthquake. All politicians could easily give an explanation of how it came about, but chance to use the bonds drawing interest and few, very few, got at its real significance. It issue their bank notes also drawing interest, and meant that unrest pervaded all classes; that a change could be no worse than existing conditions; that the further we receded from the prostituted the Senate and made it the tool of Civil War, in that ratio party fealty relaxed. Since the earthquake the condition of the masses the organization so auspiciously begun in Chicago banks are more pulsant than the combined power has not improved. High tariff or low tariff, it in September. As their first official act the memof the whole people exercised as it is in the matters not; all are sophisms. Wealth continues machinery of utilizing the parings of the political to centralize in the hands of the few, while the many can show more hands seeking labor, yea,

> After a year of wandering in the dark the voter returns to the old panacea, to wit : a change : continue to swing in that direction until 1896. when the Republicans will sweep into power a complete revolution of all the parties in 1900.

The duty of Spiritualism is to see its teachings practically adopted in the great reformation of 1900. We must educate, we must educate. Help are in danger of subversion would quit placing the LIGHT OF TRUTH to reach more and more of

## The Mockery of Thanksgiving.

Three million idle men tramping the country, factories shut down, banks going to the wall, business paralyzed, wives and mothers selling their bodies for bread, families being turned out of their homes because they can not pay rent, beggars jostling millionaires on the side-walks, both classes being thieves upon the bounty of labor, poor houses glutted and starvation staring myriads in the face, while the President issues the annual stereotype of hypocrisy appointing the 30th day of the present month a day of thanksgiving, and calls on the people "On that day let us forego our ordinary work and employments and assemble in our usual places of worship where we may recall all that God has done for us, and where from grateful hearts our united tribute of praise and song may reach the Throne of Grace."

We suppose the President is sincere, but if a wanderer from another planet should witness the scene we doubt if he would credit much wisdom or consistency to it.

The whole procedure is the very antithesis of the condition it is designed to commemorate, and is as sadly out of place as a rose in a bed o thistles. Employment, prosperity, security, a sufficiency that shall satisfy their needs, these are some of the requirements of the people, not

# Lucy Stone.

Few women have done more for their sex than Lucy Stone. She has gone to her reward and her new activities. Her biographer must needs be well equipped to do her life and services in the cause of women's emancipation orders in the country were to wait upon the city justice. Her best monument is reared in the love and gratitude of a suffering people. She belonged to the scorned minority, they who have Spiritualists of Pittsburg represented in this ever drank the hemlock and while their bodies were tortured, looked upon their coming apotheosis. Happily, she lived long enough to witness many triumphs of the cause she loved, and now from a loftier peak she views the landscape o'er and takes unto herself the reward of her

# A Spiritual Proclamation.

The National Spiritualists' Association through its Board of Directors has fixed upon a day for a "National Spiritual Jubilee," notice of which appears elsewhere in this paper. To us this seems well timed, and should be a glorious day throughout the continent.

Our past experience has taught us that it matters not how much we may wish for its success it all depends upon how the general observance of the day strikes the great body of Spiritualists. Our columns are open to short accounts from every locality on the progress being made toward making the "National Spiritual Jubilee" a grand success.

# Entirely Consistent.

Bud Stone, the man under conviction for the slaughter of the Wratten family, expresses no regret for the crime except that when he dies he can not meet his victims in heaven because he sent them out of the world unprepared. Of course he expects to get through all right, and not think so, however, on the score of his felicitous expressions about the hereafter. In this he is perfectly sane, and is a live example less than one hundred and eighty pages. of the teachings of standard orthodoxy and the

of the fact that it is doing aught but right. It Gananat. A. J. Wannes, President of the

found more or less in all sects, and which finds Catechise every candidate for legislative office, its birth in a sort of fellow feeling for being of and pledge every candidate for Congress to work and vote for the restoration of the constitutional standard of money with the coinage of both metals, without discrimination against either, from our knowledge of him, that it will be prothe government of the United States. every representative who has been unfaithful to

> LIME Barquo's ghost the LIGHT OF TRUTH Davis gave some of his doubt dispelling eviden will not down, nor remain dead after having been ces of spirit return. Mrs. Henderson psychomekd ed-or supposed to have been-a number of traced articles. These afternoon meetings meet times. Nor is she destined to die by the will of a single mortal who may be sctuated by jealousy to kill her. A higher power than mortal's is doing our battling. So beware!

### A JUBILEE FOR SPIRITUALISTS. Sunday, December 17, 1893.

The board of trustees of the National Spiritnalist Association at the first official meeting on November 1st, successfully carried into effect

bers of the board appointed Sunday, Dec. 17, 1893. as a day for a NATIONAL SPIRITUAL JUBILEE, to commemorate the inauguration of the united efforts of the Spiritualists of the United States. It is their desire, by the exercises of that day,

to awaken a deep and profound interest in the minds of all Spiritualists in the welfare of the National Association, and at the same time provide for the first donation for its treasury. To that end the board suggests the following program for the day, to be observed by each and every society in the United States: MORNING.

10 30 -Song service.

11-An address of five minutes by the oldest Spiritualist in the society.

11 5-Response five minutes by one of the children of the society.

11 10-An address of ten minutes by the president or some other officer of the society on the publication of the proceedings of the recent National Convention of Spiritualists in Chicago. This address should be followed by an earnest appeal for pledges by subscriptions these brethren are located in Tebet, where Euro or cash for this important work, emphasizing the fact that no copy is to cost more than 25 cents, and that only a limited number will be printed.

11 30-Exercises by the children, consisting of songs, recitations, readings, etc.

12 30-An appeal for subscriptions or cash donations for the benefit of the National Association; also for books, pamphlets, or magazines of interest for the National Spiritual Library.

1 p. m .- Dinner or lunch, to be followed by toasts and responses.

Toast No. 1-The National Association.

The responses to this toast should not exceed ten minutes in length, and should be written or prepared with much care, as they are to be sent to the National Association for use and suggestion with the privilege of publication, wholly or in part, in the forthcoming book on the exercises of

Toast No. 2-The Progress of Spiritualism. Toast No. 3-Our Old Workers. Toast No. 4-The Rochester Kuockings.

Toast No. 5-Children of Spiritualists in Spirit ualism. Toast No. 6-The Future of Spiritualism.

Adjournment. EVENING SESSION. .7:30-Vesper Service-Songs, brief addresses

readings, etc. 900-Renewal of Appeal for subscriptions and donations to the Treasury of the National Asso

The secretary will keep a corrected program of the exercises of the society, together with a list of names of those contributing to the national fund, both of which shall be forwarded to by Theo. F. Price. Miss Sylvester is well known

the exercises of the day throughout the United ment for the unseen forces. May the spirit world In cities, towns, and villages where there are few families of Spiritualists but no society, their friends are urged to assemble at the residence of one of their number and to carry out the above program so far as they may be able to do. "Thoughts are things," and if all Spiritualists in America

will in that way unite in sending to the National Association there kindest and best thoughts a mighty power for good will be engendered which will do much to advance the interests of Spirit-

ualism in all directions. The name "National Spiritual Jubilee" was

given by Ouina, the control of Mrs. Richmond, and presents the poem for the children's response to the first address on this day. It is hoped to have a uniform order of exercises on this occasion and to that end the children's address given by "Oulna" will be the same throughout the country. The proceedings of the late National Convention will also contain Mrs. Richmond's Baptist, Presbyterian, Jewish, Lutheran, Greek excellent paper on Spiritualism, which she preexcellent paper on Spiritualism which she presented to the World's Parliament of Religions. and no Spiritualist can afford to miss such an opportunity as this to obtain the address at so small a cost. The published account of the Religious Parliament will fill several large volumes, while the article of the greatest interest to all done for the world. the friends of Spiritualism, with other valuable there are many who think he is a monomaniac matter, can be obtained at the small sum of the history of the world, so the record of the order a change in our public school curriculum take root under his skies. But when the leaven and insist on his insanity. They need twenty-five cents by purchasing the book, "The Proceedings of the National Spiritualists Convention," which it is estimated will comprise not

Do not forget December 17, 1893, "The Na

tional Spiritual Jubilee."

Lyman C. Howe delivered two excellent be tures in Carnegie Masic Hall on Sanday, No. vember 5th, to very appreciative audiences. My and reverent. It is to be regretted that such to spiration does not reach a much larger audience turough the public press. The atterances of thousands, surely, it is not for their profoundity Let humanity once feel the vital throb of our philosophy and see in it an expression of its secret longings real sed, and on the wings of lightning the inspired words of our speakers shall travel to the end of the earth.

We hope Mr. Howe's visit to this city will be a most pleasant one to himself, and we are sure hisb e to those who are privileged to sit under his ministration.

The afternoon meeting was larger than ever Mr. Howe addressed the meeting. Mrs. M E Williams gave many excellent tears. Mrs. Effe Moss read photographs, and Mrs. Ploreace White described spirit friends. Mr. Harlow a general want, and give the public an insight into the phenomens of Spiritualism. Hundreds of people get their first awakening to the light of spirit communion at these meetings. Mr Henry | Newton tries to chtain the best avai able mediumistic talent to present the phenomena on these occasions. Unlike the measums meeting in general where any body comes forward volum tarily, this meeting puts only such media to the

front as the president sees fit and proper. Rev. Dr. Hatop, Universalist minister of this city, presched a sermon on Spiritualism. Sunday evening, November 5th. The expression was sympathetic and the facts claimed generously admitted. One would judge, however, that Dr. Eaton had not enjoyed any actual experiences in the domain of Spiritualistic phenomena, for his statements were second-hand information and such as the history of our movement presents to the public.

We are glad to see this friendly attitude on the part of the Rev. Eston, and we earnestly trust his sympathy may grow atronger, until per-sonal contact with the truths of Spiritualism shall give to his preaching a vitality which nothing shortiof spiritual demonstration can give.

The Theosophical Society recently discussed the question of Spiritual communion. It is amusing to observe how laboriously these people work to show the impossibility, or the undesirability of communion with the dead. Astral shells, bodies of desire, and the like are called in to account for the phenomena of Spiritualism, which they can not repudiate because so well established. Their εxplanations are more difficult of belief than the thing they seek to explain away. Strange to say, they make larger demands upon the credulity of mankind and offer less evidence to substantiate them than Modern Spiritualism. We do not of ject to elementaries and elementals, if they exist, but we want their existence proven. We do not question the hidden potentilities of the soul and their indefinite development while the psychic entity is incarnate, but when such marvelous claims are made in behalf of adeptship, it is unfortunate that pean or American investigators can not enter to verify these enormous pretentions.

The confusion of thought, the inexperience of these people in the realm of Spiritualistic manifestations, disqualify them for rational discussion

Some Theosophists affirm the possibility of spirit return, but they say it interrupts the Davachanic rest and mars the sweet dream of that state by bringing to the foreground of conscious ness the grotesque memories of earth and confronting the Devachanee with the prose condition of external life instead of permitting the uninterrupted poesy of the subjective life to flow peace. fully on for a cycle. Others deny the possibility of spirit communion altogether. The pheno-mena of Spiritualism is made to bolster up oriental theories and fancies.

It is not without significance that early Christianity was vitlated by its contact with ( ) rientalism and that our movement must needs confront its metaphysics and occult claims. Shall we learn through past experience to be strengthened by an encounter, or shall we like the early Christians be plunged into a bewildering chaos? We need clear thinking. Words must stand for things. Facts must mould our theories and not theories dwarf or distort our facts. scientific sunlight and not so much philosophical moonshine. All light is grateful whether i comes from the East or West, but let there be light, not illusion !

Our other meetings are doing their good work A host of mediums are scattering the seed of the spirit, and one day the fields shall appear like a sea of gold whose shores are forever caressed by heaven's eternal wealth. CORRESPONDENT.

A quiet but interesting wedding was celebrated Sunday morning, November 5th, at 245 Esst Fourteenth street, New York, the cortracting parties being Mr. David Hogg and Miss E. C Sylvester. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harlow Davis, the bride being given away the National Secretary at Washington, D. C., for in New York and Brooklyn as a fine test medium and it is with pleasure we learn that she will publication in a book that will be issued by the have the hearty co-operation of her husband in National Association, containing an account of the continuance of her public work as an instrubless and guide them is the earnest wish of their many friends.

> Harlow Davis and Theo. F. Price have discontinued the Sunday evening seances at their par-lors, 245 East Fourteenth street, New York, as it was found impossible to accommodate the number wishing to attend. At their last seance unwards of fifty were unable to gain admission Consequently the meetings will hereafter be held at Spencer Hall, 114 West Fourteeuth street New York. Harlow Davis will give platform tests every Sunday evening. LIGHT OF TRUTH on sale.

# All Creeds and Sects.

UNIQUE VOLUME CONTAINING THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS.

The greatest living leaders in the schools of religious thought contributed to the proceedings of the World's Parliament of Religions, late held in Chicago. Representatives were present from every considerable denomination, sect and creed, including the Roman Catholic, Protestant Episcopal (both English and American Courches) Confucian, Parsee, Hindu, Brahmin, Mohamme dau, Methodist, Friends, Universalist, Universalist, Universalist, Congregational, Swedenborgian, and many others Each was represented at the parliament by one or more of its leaders and these men delivered short but carefully prepared sketches of their re spective faiths, what they are and what they have

As such a congress was never before held congress constitutes, a volume at once unique and of incalculable value to clergymen and lay men alike, being in a measure a compendium of the religious history of humanity. We are happy in being able to place this volume profusely an handsomely illustrated with portraits of the principal delegates, within easy reach of our

readers. See advertisement on Page 5.

that there is no land upon the face of the earth where it is not known. If it is an error it is the most dangerous one, because it is supplianting the old form of theology, and will lead manaliad to eternal destruction. But if it is true it is the grandest truin of the nose serious to desermine whether it is right or wrong, and we find one whether it is right or wrong, and we find one people of Buston are anxious to desermine whether it is right or wrong, and we find one halls filled with earnest inquirers, many of them coming under the cover of darkness, hally daring to face a frowning world. The evidence presented upon our several pistforms is discussed upon the sirect, in business circles, and in every place where thinking men and women gather themselves together. Some, whom we meet, however, will express the greatest surprise that however, will express the greatest surprise that intelligent men and women, educated in the Church, should give a moment's attention to such a dargerous error. Yet, after all, they would be glail to know whether their dear ones are living. We tell all these friends that our ranks are surely not confined to the ignorant, but some of the best and most highly educated ism. The one great effort of our speakers should be to compare our spiritual philosophy with the test compare our spiritual philosophy with the realigion of Cirist, or the Carist-principle, and then the church people will be gradually drawn then the church people will be gradually drawn. such a dangerous error. Yet, after all, they would be glast to know whether their dear ones are living. We tell all these friends that our ranks are surely not confined to the ignorant, but some of the best and most highly educated men and women are firm believers, in Spiritual ism. The one great effort of our speakers should be to compare our spiritual philosophy with the religion of Cirist, or the Curist-principle, and then the Church people will be gradually drawn to it and will give up the old dogmas which have then the church people will be gradually drawn to it and will give up the old dogmas which have so long held them in bondage. These thoughts were suggested to us as we looked over the congregation in Berkeley Hall where we were reporting, and saw members of several Christian Churches coming in late and occupying seats in the rear of the hall. And we were glad to hear the speaker of the day, Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie, tell them that Spiritualists believe in God, and the speaker of the day, Mrs. K. Shepard Lillie, work by Mrs. Lillie, Jacob Edson, and Byron L. tell them that Spiritnaiists believe in God, and Haskell, of Everett. in the teachings of Jesus of Nazsreth, upon which their system of religion is founded.

At the Boston Spiritual Temple the public service was opened with a song by Mr. John T. Lillie and John W. Line, "Some Sweet Day By and By," followed by an invocation from Mis R. S. Lillie, who was the speaker of the hour. The time was given to answering questions pre-sented by the audience, in which the sublime truths of Spiritualism were very clearly presented by Mrs. Little. The subject of the evening was suggested by the thought sent in from one of our Christian Scientists, that if proper care were taken of our physical bodies they might be immortal, and the speaker asked what would be the need of immortality for the body, which is simply the servant of the spirit, and is not the man, but only the covering which holds all that is really immortal? When the spirit passes out the propared for work, and has the respect of the comcess of disintegration commences, and the par ticles which held the body together are disanited and hasten to find other forms, and enter the complimentary notices in the newspapers regard-

the public service opened with a song by Miss Hattie E. Dudge, accompanied by the grand old organ. Mr. A. F. Tisdale, the blind medium, was the speaker, and prefaced his address with the statement that he did not profess to know all the statement there was to be known, but acknowledged a superior power which he believed could give us, through the angel world, such knowledge as shall lead us to know more and be better prepared to perform the duties of life. To the Infinite power he offered a sublime invocation. Mr. Tis dale then said that the human race knows no greater evil than war, yet we find a moral struggle going on in the world, and it will go on so long as the world lasts. The time will come when other wars will cease. There is no need for many of them. The Church and the press do not stand where they should on this question After war, comes a collapse. What we propose to show you, is what is to be the outcome of the war between races. The great race movement has been towards the Westward. Our fathers came from the Eist, as was represented by history. America during the last century has become a new Europe. Central Asia furnished many of the phrases which are common in this country to day. This Westward trend did not stop with the Pacific, but Japan to day is American country to day. This Westward trend did not stop with the Pacific, but Japan to day is Americanized. The Chinese are an exception, as they come here only to earn money and return home. Going tack one hourded thousand years the speaker trace I the different races which appeared in pon the face of the earth. Cities long ago have determined the train of thought, and adapt need from the face of the earth. Cities long ago have determined the train of thought, and adapt religion of the Indians who inhabited this counting the most presented by the speaker to be far more religion of the Indians who inhabited this counting the more points and the vice president, George Heinschip and Ford and the vice president of the spiritual than any religion now known. The Indian was the lineal descendents of the people myon the religion and philosophy of Spiritualists and the cause in the province of Quebec have just suffered an irreparable loss by the speaker to be far more religion of the Indians who inhabited this counting the president of the spiritual than any religion now known. The Indian was the lineal descendents of the people myon the religion and philosophy of Spiritualists, while Madem try was represented by the speaker to be far more in the religion and philosophy of the Indian was the lineal descendents of the province of Columbat. This people migrated short in the religion and philosophy of the Course that this country was of Eistern birth. The New Texterney is an embediment of Asiative love.

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At the Ladics' Industrial Society Mr. Frank Foster gave an exhibition of the power of spirits to pass matter through matter. Tests and readings were given by Mrs. Wnitlock, which were very interesting. Music was furnished by little Eddie Hill and Mcs. Wnitlock, followed with a very fine dissertation upon the practical needs of Spiritualism and the importance of avowing our faith everywhere, even should we stand alone. The world will become better as the people come under the teachings of Spiritualism and let them be the ruling element in their lives. Very excel lent tests were given by Mrs. A. Wilkins, one of

to his audience in that able lecture. Inspiration

is the only key to it.

Boston's best mediums.
All well understood that Mrs. Maggie F. Butler has started, with her usual positive earnestness, into the execution of a plan to have a building erected somewhere in Boston for the Spiritualists of this city to worship in, and save the large as Miss Johnson,"lest the public should learn that amount of money now paid to landlords for the rent of different halis. If the several societies into Spiritualism. This was about six years in the city will unite and take stock in such a building, it will serve to break down the division walls created by the envy and jealousy that exists at present. Mrs. Butler is very confident of suc-cess, having the assurance of the spirit world that they approve the plan, and will aid her in her noble work. Details of the plan will be given

Miss Nellie M. Bemis, Secretary of the Helping the Veterans is having been a Spiritualist for could so manifest themselves to her that she de-

sustaining its religious meetings; to co-operate with them in every good word and work for the advancement of the interests of the Temple; to assist our brother man and sister woman by words and deeds; to relieve suffering wherever found, so far as it is in our power." Can any Church do more? Very earnest remarks were made at their last session regarding the general work by Mrs. Lillie, Leob Eddon and Bron. I

Thus the good work goes on, and the great question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" is being more fully answered than was ever dreamed of in the old theology. Spiritualism has come to lift the veil and show us what lies beyond, declaring that there is no such thing as death; we live in the land immortal.

F. ALEXIS HEATH.

### Letter from Abby A. Judson.

After terminating my month's engagement with the Spiritual Union of Cincinnati, I entered on my November's work with the Independent

Spiritual Church in Louisville, Ky.
This society was incorporated one year ago, munity, as was evidenced by the class of people

and hasten to find other forms, and enter the vegetable world weaving the scattered threads into a new web that shall clothe some other spirit that shall tarry when we are gone.

Her lecture was full of inspiration and was applicated several times during its delivery. Mrs. Lilie is one of the bist speakers it is our privilege to report.

At the First Spiritual Temple, Exeter Street, the public service opened with a song by Miss the case with the meetings of many of our societhe case with the meetings of many of our socie-ties, who engage a hall for Sunday only. They have an admission fee only on rare occasions, and take up a collection as their usual practice. There are no wealthy Spiritualists in the society who are willing to support it generously, and the people are, in general, of the middling or poor class. Miss Lizzie Bailey, clairvoyant and inspirational speaker, is a member, and they pay her a small yearly salary, whether she be with them or not. When she chooses so to do she can take temporary engagements in other places, but she is not away for long, on account of her devotion to her feeble mother, who is now eighty-eight years of age. She has made many converts to Spiritualism in Louisville, and the friends there prize her highly. So as the society usually has this home worker to fall back upon, they are not obliged to pay the traveling ex-penses and usual terms of a foreign speaker, ex-cept once in a while, and are thus enabled to keep up a useful association at a cost that is within their means. Her speaking is followed by a few tests by herself, or by some willing worker who may be present.

Last Sunday I had planned a lecture on the Philosophy of Spiritualism; but, as usually hap-

itualism in this beautiful city.

But it must not be inferred that this is the

only spiritual society here. By no means. There are five more, and each is doing spiritual work on its own chosen lines.

Last Sunday's meeting was opened by a very fine rendering of Wagner's Funeral March by the organist, Professor Kohnhorst, who also leads the singing, and brings harmonious influence by his excellent music.

My lecture was followed by tests by a new medium, Mrs. Eva Schrader, sister in law of the faithful president. With her eyes closed in trance-condition, her control gave the names of some fifty spirits, who wished their actual presence to be thus manifested.

The success and the permanent value of this Louisville organization gives emphasis to the tuought that all localities can gain by making good and kind use of their own mediums. It is where they are best known that they should be best appreciated. If their personal character be such as to win confidence and respect, and their medium. ship be promising, it is the Spiritualists of the town where they live who should open the way for the exercise of their gifts. Often some un pretending home medium can give evidence that a famous test medium is unable to do. I know how it was in my own case. During the early months after accepting Spiritualism the con-vincing evidences came to me in a little private circle where none of us supposed we were mediums; and from one lady who never gives sittings at so much a sitting.

I will give the remainder of this letter to this nearly transparent medium and this valued friend. Having heard some say, "Mrs. B. is the best in-dependent clairvoyant in Minneapolis," I sought her acquaintance, and had a friend introduce me

I found Mrs. B. a plain, sincere woman, with refined instincts, but without education, living alone, dependent on her own resources and the occasional aid of a generous brother, sometimes sewing a little, and renting out a room in her little flat. I went frequently to see her, and the longer I knew her the more I loved her and trusted her.

It was long before Mrs. B. "saw" anything for Hand, has been elected Librarian of the Veterans' me. But as our souls came into the harmony of Spiritualist Union, of which Dr. H. B. Storer is sincere friendship, and the disembodied ones beme. But as our souls came into the harmony of the honored President, and William H. Banks, gan to be at home in our commingled spheres, Secretary. The requirements for membership in my father and mother and many spirit friends

CORRESPONDENCE.

Boston Letter.

Boston Letter.

Spiritualism is extending all over our broad land; it has entered every. Since in the Union of the first Wednesday of each month, at Goald Hail, trached across the sea and the far-off island; so that there is no land upon the face of the each well and the Boston Spiritual Temple, that there is no land upon the face of the each well and a provided the Boston Spiritual Temple, wednesday evening. November 111, in Goald while the face of the each well as the each most dangerous one, because it is supplicating Washington November Little has taken rooms at 1507 believed the goalen haif, the fine features, the fair form of the fine features, the fair wears or more, and the membership fee is scribed them unmistaksby, and gave me treas communications that had a great effect in the annealism. November 12 fine for the fine features are dominations that had a great effect in the annealism of the Wednesday of each month, at Goald Hail longer the evening are hist as my own mother. When I said, in account mother, When I said, in account in the true she and might be caused and an account of the world rather have a lady guardian angel, "Mrs. Boat once saw a beautiful young girl standing world the golden hair, the fine features, the fair

yet I know that Sundays and other days, she throws out loving strength and pure thoughts to me. And one of the pappy things about spirit life will be meeting her again. She is so modest that she will take me to task for writing of her thus, but what is written, is written; and what is printed, is printed, and she will have to stand it this time.

As my friends will hear of me as sometimes ont of town, I will add that my P. O. address is always Cincinnati, O. After November I shall be at home Tuesday afternoon and evening, and ready to give the process of development on Thursday evening. A other times, I am engaged. I live at 234 Park avenue, Walnut Hills.

ABBY A. JUDSON.

### Lake George, N. Y.

It is almost universally conceded that Lake George is the most beautiful sheet of fresh water on the American continent. The crystal trans parency of its waters and the grandeur and beauty of its scenery have given it a world wide and envlable reputation.

Owing to the facilities arising from its location,

it is the design of the management to continue the meetings through the greater part of the summer, instead of confining them to a few weeks, as is the custom with other camp meetings, and thus make a resort where the entire summer

may be spent with pleasure and profit.
In calling the attention of Spiritualists and others to the Lake George Camp Grounds, we desire to impress upon all who have the cause at heart the need of earnest and active co-operation in making this enterprise the success which it is possible to become. A few dollars invested now in lots or stock, or both, will furnish means for the immediate improvement of the grounds, and will be certain to prove a profitable investment from every point of view. Now is your opportunity, while you can have a choice of lots at low prices, for if you put it off you will have to pay the increase which is sure to come, and then not be as well suited. Again we feel that every Spir-itualist should regard it as a privilege as well as a duty to do all he or she is able to assist in making this camp ground what it is capable of becoming-a great source of spiritual illumination. Its location in the very midst of one of the most popular summer resorts will enable us to reach thousands of people with the truths of our philo sophy who would never otherwise give any attention. Address S. H. SMITH, Sec. L. G. C. A. Lake George, N. Y.

The officers of this association are: Henry. J. Newton, of New York, President: Jas. D. White, of Albany, N. Y., Vice President E. L. Seelye,

curiosity-hunters being vigorously excluded. The result was that the sitters came into direct rapport with a number of invisible intelligences a very high order, from whom a series of communications of an elevating character were re ceived. Madame Cote was indeed an enthusias tic advocate and exponent of the spiritualistic philosophy, and devoted the concluding years of her life to teaching others the higher aspects of Spiritualism and expounding the doctrines she received from her invisible guides and directors. This work she carried on for many years in the most self-sacrificing manner, without recompense or reward of any kind, except what she derived from a consciousness of duty nobly performed. The very first time I meet the lad 1889 I sensed her very powerful mediumistic qualities. A few moments' conversation and we were both in complete rapport. I was controlled by one of her French guides, and a conversation in French between the two controlling intelligences was kept up to the delight of those present Oa another occasion we were both controlled by two spirits of a Spauish nationality, both had been priests, and a discussion in the Spanish language took place. I have had some very choice messages through MadameCote's mediumship, testifying to the very superior quality of language used by the controlling intelligences. Her earnestness and sincerity, coupled with the purity of her life and character won many hearts and made many converts to Spiritualism. Brother R. H. Kneeshaw conducted the funeral services at the house of her bereaved husband and family.

GEO.W. WALROND

# Troy, N. Y.

Since my last letter the Society of Progressive Spiritualists have held their annual election of officers. With Mr. E. Watters as our president, Dr. J. A. Carpenter as first vice, we will face the world of creeds and dogmas. Dr. Carpenter occupies the rostrum for the month of November. His subjects are given by the audience. He speaks from inspiration to the satisfaction of all who attend his lectures. Our meetings continue who attend his fectures. Our meetings continue to grow in interest and numbers, many investigators finding the truth. The ladies of our society work with interest that is really encouraging. We are united for the awaking of mankind to the fact that there is no death, that life continues beyond the grave. We thank you for the recognition you gave us in your issue of November 4 1893. Yours for Progression, FRANK P. EDGERTON, Cor. Sec.

# Best Cure For

# Bronchitis

to I was a te y. I had a brone bial haracter, that the dealer preed it in atable with ordinary a but recommended no to try syste Charry Postoral. I did so, and ar lettle cared me. For the last fifteen care. I have used this preparation with good offert whe mover I take a bad cold, and I know of numbers of people who keeped in the house all the time, not J. t. Western, P. M., Forest 21 il, W. Va.

# Cough

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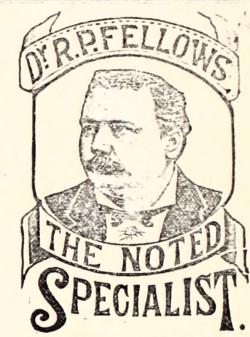
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### SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

GILMAN.

While much is said in spiritualistic papers with reference to materialization and slate writing, I find but little in regard to spirit-photography. Some, indeed, who profess to be way up in Spiritualism look down on this phenomena with Some, indeed, who protess to be way up to be spiritualism look down on this phenomena with real or affected contempt. Thus Luther Colby, the editor of the Hismar of Light, refuses to admit, I believe, any of the advertisements of spirit photographers into his columns, and virtually repudiates their phase of mediumship with all the intolerance of an ecclesiastical bigot. The Litter of Tattrih, however, is noted for its broad and liberal spirit and its promptness to recognize all forms of mediumship worthy of support, and therefore I trust that the following rectial of facts may not prove unacceptable.

Last Sammer, when I went to Onset, one of the first things that attracted my sitention was an advertisement of Mr. F. N. Foster, the spirit-photographer. Being an entire stranger to him I concluded to improve the opportunity of testing the genuineness of spirit photography.

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So I called on him and had a sitting at once, without giving him any notice.

On receiving the photograph I was unable at first to recognize any of the faces of the spirits, and took it to a trance medium who called it a counterfeit. As the medium was one in whom II had great confidence I felt like accepting her statement as final; but subsequently concluded to investigate a little further and took the photograph to another medium who declared it genuine, and supersied that one of the faces was that of my suggested that one of the faces was that of my uncle. This revived in my mind the memory of my Uncle Daniel, who passed away about eight years ago, and whom I had not seen for ove

my Uncle Danies, who passed away about eight years ago, and whom I had not seen for over twenty years.

The more I looked at the picture the more convinced I became that it was his likeness, and I sent it to my sister in Andover, Ohio, who is a disbeliever in Spiritualism, and who reported that the face, in her opinion, bore a resemblance to that of our Uncle Daniel, and stated that her husband held a similar view. She hastened also to add that she could never be a Spiritualist.

I next sent it to the widow of my uncle, who lives in Sturgis, Mich., and who attended him up to the time of his death. She replied that it was a good likeness of her husband, and looked very much as he did at the time of his ideath. Thus the photograph which was pronounced fraudulent by a medium was proved to be genuine by the testimony of three skeptics! I again visited the medium who had called it a counterfeit, and stated why I thought she was mistaken. The controlling intelligence, like the noble spirit that she is, was ready to acknowledge the force of that she is, was ready to acknowledge the force of the evidence, and said that she had merely stated

that she is, was ready to acknowledge the force of the evidence, and said that she had merely stated her impressions in regard to the matter, but if she was wrong and had done the medium injustice she was very sorry for it.

Perhaps the most important lesson to be learned from this is that extreme caution should be exercised before pronouncing a result fraudulent, and that even the best of mediums may be some times mistaken. Because the faces on a spirit photograph are not immediately recognized one shouldnot be impatient and consider it worthless. Time is an important element in many cases, and is often necessary to insure recognition.

The above account is by no means an isolated case. If it were it would hardly be worth while to record it, for it might possibly be explained as a chance coincidence. But I am persuaded that such cases of test recognitions are of frequent occurrence, especially through the mediumship of Mr. Foster, and I hope that some who read this may be induced to investigate a phase of mediumship which is so satisfactory and wonderful in its results.

Written for the Light of TRUTH.

### A MATERIALIZING SEANCE.

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The seance was given by Mrs. Bessie Aspiuwall at the residence of Asa Talcott, 521 Aurors Avenue, St. Paul, on the evening of October 24, 1893. Twenty-seven adults and three children were present. The cabinet used was an ordinary china-closet, just large enough to accommodate one person conveniently. The shelves were filled with books, and it was thoroughly examined by many who were present. It was the first time the medium had ever been in the house, and I might say here that she is by far the best medium for your relatives and friends to appear through that I have ever seen, and I believe her to be the first (in that line in the world. She was accompanied by her noble huserolle. SPIRIT IDENTITY.

To the Editor of the Licens or Teorn.]

I am pleased to notice what your Cleveland correspondent asys concerning Mrs. Archer's mediumship. The prominent feature siluded to good meany china-closet, just large enough to accommedate one person conveniently.

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At one of his seances there were eight of my could be was called to show rid. She was accompanied by her noble husband, who occupied a seat next to the so-called cabinet, and I had the good fortune to have the fairt chair by him, so; usar jubar late could nearly speak for what I have seen show showed the four others who were present, and as their friends also came, sometimes three at a time, it may be seen that there was little time for the controls to the first chair by him, so; usar jubar late of the promone will be come, and I had the good fortune to have the fairt chair by him, so; usar jubar late of the promone will be seen that there was little time for the controls to the first chair by him, so; usar jubar late of the promone will be seen that there was little time for the controls to the so-called cabinet, and I had the good fortune to have the first chair by him, so; usar jubar late of the promone will be controls to the first chair by him, so; usar jubar late of the promone of the what red, who constitutes and the controls to the so-called controls to the case of the winter of the winter of the winter of the resolution as they cannot reach the direct season. She mediumship, the prominent feature aligned to present the same condition of the mucous lining to the management of the resolution of the mucous lining to the winter season. She mediumship, the first time the desired. The season is in the management of the same condition o

the best of any seance that I have ever attended, and I have attended a great many. After the circle was properly seaned by the medium the returned behind the curtain which hang the form appeared twice down and which hang the form appeared twice down and which around the most fally entranced. She then changed such a beautiful preyer that I sincerely segret I can not produce it werbatim. She then entered the cabinet, and in a few minutes a beautiful white form appeared, with a clear olive complexion and long, dark hair. She walked around the circle surraing to the right and left to that every person could get a good view of bert. The doctor capitained that she was fall with every person could get a good view of bert. The doctor capitained that she was one of the cabinet controls, who came to magnetiac the way for others, also to give instructions concerning the light and changes in the circle. She walked with blink, and this night it was uncommonly sine. She gave her mane as Olive. Twenty-few forms appeared by actual count, one being a boy apparently about travive or fourteen years of age, who distinctly said. "This is Johanule." A number of the sitters asked who he came to see, when one genuleman asked "Is it Johanule." A number of the sitters was distinctly asid. "This is Johanule." A number of the sitters asked who he came to see, when one genuleman asked "Is it Johanule." A number of the wife.

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the curtains, having hold of them, and disappeared almost instantly from view. He was a dressed in a military suit with double breasted coat, and the buttons showing very plainly.

Several of the female forms stepped out quickly and conversed with their friends. One of them after talking quite awhile disappeared very gradually as if she were going directly through the floor, in full view of everyone. An aunt of the children appeared, and went several steps from the cabinet to where they were, and kissed them all three as well as their mother. One gentleman, after talking with his sister, made the remark that he was willing to make affidavit that it was she, and could not be any one else.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH,

### TO-MORROW'S ROSES.

FLORENCE E. ALCOTT.

How few that possess the priceless gem of mediumship fully appreciate the heavenly blessing conferred upon them by the salutary forces of nature. They misuse, abuse, and violate conditions that must flow in harmony with it for its best expression. They, like the millions, are forgetful of to morrow's roses, so long as they can gather the blossoms of to day. Oar mediums, or at least a few of them, do not seem to conserve their forces, ignoring, in many ways, the proper care of the physical body, oftimes sitting under conditions that tax the nerve-centers beyond their natural, normal endurance. Nature rebels; then comes a period of forced rest—a low-ering of vital forces, and a consequent decrease in the quality of their mediumship. If I pick up a delicate pensy with a pair of black-smith's tongs I can not expect to discern its velvety beauty. So, if spirits attempt to give mes sages through instruments out of tune, they are simply trying to pass thought-waves through vety beauty. So, if spirits attempt to give messages through instruments out of tune, they are simply trying to pass thought-waves through nerve tissue too callous to render a correct expression—the sitter retires with disgust that spirits do not display more intelligence when they attempt to commune with their friends. Mediums should, first of all, know the importance and keep up the tone and vigor of the physicel, then they may be able to lift the scales from the eyes of anxious, teachable inquirers, who want knowledge, peace, and consolation from friends that have left this plane of action, joined the silent majority, and are supposed to rest calmly smid joys and blessings in a land of superlative beauty, where palms and harps and jasper walls respond to tastes that have been shaped and warped by dogmas and creeds of a religious agsiem not built upon lines of wisdom or truth. Thus to-morrow's roses (in spiritual thing) are available only to those who nurture the soil, and with an enduring love and affection kindly keep in harmony with nature's undiviating laws. Then an aroma of beauty and sweetness may respond and open up avenues for the soul's finer culture that an illuminated mortal little dreamed of.

### SPIRIT IDENTITY.

sister of Mrs. Hirschliemer is controlled by Prof. Henri Bizique, and plays the singer accompani-ments in a purely professional style. They have been criticised by professional critics, and they admitted the musus could be rendered only by the great attists themselves, and some who have heard Emma abbott while on earth, recognized the same beautiful voice and her characteristic attitude. The most coavincing fact is the singers sing in the Lulius Leavence of which the same attitude. The most convincing fact is the singers sing in the Italian language, of which the medium is entirely ignorant. Mrs. Hirschhitemer has in her band a number of prehistoric people, who call themselves the Sobites. They are of immense stature and great strength, and when holding a person's hands can give them an electric shock. Her chief control is a little Danish girl, who speaks in her native dialect and also the Danish language, of which the medium has no knowledge. She has performed even worder.

## Artistic Spiritism.

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To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH |

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Ito the Editor of the Light of Truth |
Allow me a small space in your valuable paper to relate my experiences at two materializing seances, which I attended recently with Mrs. Luce as the materializing medium, in Cleveland, O. Mr. H. E. Chase, the well known spirit-photographer, and slate-writing medium, was present. One of his controls, Minnie, came out of the cabinet and took up two slates from the table, which I had washed carefully and placed there myself before the opening of the seance, and brought them to me, and told me to put my hand on them, which I did. Then she took them to two ladies and they each got a message. One two ladies and they each got a message. Oce lady from her son, the other from her daughter, with their names sigued to them. I got a pic-ture of an Indian control of mine in colors, and a

with their names signed to them. I got a picture of an Indiau control of mine in colors, and a
message from him with his name under it, which
I am confident Mr. Chase did not know, nor did
he know that I was coming to the seance, as I did
not know myself until a few minutes before I
started. At this seance all of the sitters hid
frieads materialize and speak to them, and a I
were recognized.

At another seance the following week, held by
Mrs. Luce, there were quite a number of spirits
materialized, one of which spoke German to her
daughter, which the medium positively can not
do. Some of the spirits both evenings dematerialized outside of the cabinet in full view of
the sitters. A lady that was present this evening got an oil painting of her spirit daughter
and a message from her between closed slates.

Three other sitters also received messages from
their spirit friends on one of the slates.

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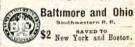
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36 South Williams Street, Daycon, O. -Judge Jonathan G. Wait, the most prominent Spiritualist, of Sturgis, Mich., passed to higher life on the 29th ult.

-Mr. Maggie Waite, lecturer and platform test medium, can be addressed at 31 Fell street. San Francisco, Cal.

-On the "Democracy of Death," Willard J Hull, on the 5th inst., delivered a remarkable lecit proves its taking nature.

-The "Constitution and By-laws of the Spir itual, Educational, and Protective Union" is out in pamphlet form. It is neatly printed, and will serve as a reminder to its members until the annual meeting in August next.

-Miss Judson speaks in Louisville, Ky., for November, and in Dayton, O, for December. She will remain in Cincinnati the first three months of 1894, and will be ready for outside engagements, beginning April 1st. Her address is al ways Cincinnati, O., care LIGHT OF TRUTH.

-"The time will come when a man will be ashamed to say that he can not get any truth out of meliums. They are your mirrors, that is all. Thus closes an answer in to day's question department. It is very suggestive and should cause some people to do a little serious thinking.

-Mrs. S C. Scovell, who gives public test se ances and lectures every Sunday at 2 30 and 7 3 p. m., at 11 N. Ada street, Chicago, is open for en gagements in any part of the country. She is said to be equal to the best of platform test me-diums. Address her at 87 S. Margaret street, Chicago.

—Anyone who has subscribed for the lecture of Willard J. Hull, entitled "God, the Constitu-tion, and the National Reform Association," delivered at Cassadaga Camp, and has not re ceived copies of the same, will please notify the undersigned, who will forward them at once .-M E. Cadwallader, P. O. Box 446, Pailadelphia,

-A supper and social will be given by the So ciety of Vaion Spiritualists, at G. A. R. Hall, 111 West Sixth street., Thanksgiving Eve, Wednes day Evening, November 29, 1893. Tickets for the supper and social, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. Supper from 6 to 8; social from 8 to 11 o'clock. Dancing and music will be under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Ross.

-Mrs. F. Mayer, late of 100 East Seventy eighth street, New York, independent slate-writer, sychometrist and test medium, has removed to her new and more commodious parlors, 157 East senses and judgment. Forty-seventh street, where she will be giad receive her old friends and patrons; also any honest and sincere skeptic and investigator in the truth of Spiritualism.

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worthy brother at a great disadvantage among anon. his co-workers, and those of his friends who can put themselves in his place for a moment can not fail to realize the need of sympathy under the circumstances. He may be addressed at 1121 Tenth street, Washington, D. C., where he is under the kindly care of H. D. Barrett, Esq.

-The Union Society services are being con ducted with increased audiences under the minsame time, select their seats near the medium to be in magnetic touch of her, which, to some, is a physcal boon and a soul-comfort. Services as usual at 10 30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m.—In addition to the Sunday services there are Wednesday evening services, which are also very interesting, and should be attended by seekers after light. The weekday services are also alternated by a little of the pleasures of this world. On the 29th, for example, there will be a Thanksgiving supper and so cial at 115 West Sixth street, to which the admission for adults is but 25 cents; children 15 cents. Supper from 6 to 8 p. m; social from 8 to 11 o'clock. Dancing and music under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Ross. All friends of the cause invited.

-The Ladies' Aid of the Union Society met at G. A. R. Hall, November S.h. at 2 30 p. m., there being over thirty ladies present. After the regular routine of business was transacted we elected our officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President, Mrs. McCracken; vice-president, Mrs. Winterburn; secretary, Mrs. Allen; treasurer, Mrs. Roth; corresponding secre tary, Mrs. Chapin. In view of the fact that our attendance is largely increasing it was resolved that hereafter we hold our meetings in the main hall. After the distribution of tickets for the supper, which is to be given on November 29th (Thanksgiving Eve) by the Ladies' Aid of the Union Society, we spent a pleasant hour listening to the controls of some of our best mediums, which seem to thrill us with ecstacy and delight. and I felt like exclaiming, "Hail, Holy Light! thou co eternal beam of truth, born to gladden the hearts of all humanity, and relieve them of grief and despair." We desire all to know that the Ladies' Aid still exists, and is ever ready to be an aid to the Union Society in reality, as well as in name, as it always has been. We cordially invite all ladies who are interested in this great and glorious cause to come and join us; also hope our home mediums will not be backward, but will lend us their assistance. We meet again November 15th at 2 30 p. m.—M. D. C.

-Last Sunday the services at the hall, South. east corner of Central avenue and Fourteenth street, under the suspices of the Philosophical Society of Spiritualists, were splendidly attended; the audience was composed of many persons who were there for the first time, having presented themselves to listen to two most excellent mediums. After the usual preliminaries of instrumental music, congregational singing, solos, etc., Mrs. Grensmeyer stepped forth, and her guides did remarkably well considering the suf-fering she was enduring the entire week, having been confined to her room; but we sincerely

trust she will be sustained and given strength to bear the pain heroically, and nature's abundant force operate her and bring her again to her usual work and activity; for she never faints nor tires of fighting the good fight for the maintenance of truth and disseminating of charity to all. Mrs. Ropp still continues to create quite a commotion in the audience with her wonderful clairvoyant powers. Her tests were principally to strangers, and both skeptics and believers were greatly pleased. She will give a test circle at the hall on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. Other mediums will assist her. Admission : cents. We trust a large crowd will greet these ture at Columbus, (). The fact that the Columbus Press Post had nearly a column synopsis on the benefit of the society. The free circle which meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, has grown in interest, and are glad to make a note of the work Mrs. C. Heck is accomplishing. The Ladies' Aid Society holds very interesting meetings on Friday at 2 30 o'clock. Good mediums speakers are heard on these occasions. We extend our heartiest thanks to Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Jordan, who are ladies in every sense of the word, and have won many new friends by their pleasing and unassuming ways. Colonel Ells worth is to be congratulated for the able manner in which he holds his instrument under control All are cordially invited to join us in a good

New York City.

On Sunday, November 5th, a good audience greeted me at Carnagie Hail, and in the afternoon a lively and very interesting meeting from 3 10 6 which furnished enough intellectual and spiritual pabulum for a whole week; so that my efforts were superfluous in the morning and evening. The home talent is remarkable. The afternoon meetings have no other. The readings and tests are equal to any of the professional platform test mediums usually depended upon to "draw. Henry J. Newton presides, and his strong intel lectual balance helps all around and gives a trend

to the work of the day.
On Tuesday evening I attended Mrs. A. E Williams' seance, and a large company were highly entertained, and I think, with one voice they would say, "It is true and wonderful as well as beautiful and inspiring." I saw nothing that savored of fraud. The various forms that came out and talked were not Mrs. Williams. Professors Brittan and Kiddle looked quite like their former selves, and Prof. B. laid his hand on my head. It was not a glove; it was not the medium's hand; no indications of any chance for confederates appeared to my observation. The hand was cold as ice! But it had life, and could grasp and shake. These things are so wonderful that they need to be repeated, and told and retold and experienced again and again to wear off the sense of the impossible that dominates our

Besides the phenomena, there were mental evi dences. Names were given to and recognized by persons in the circle, said to be straugers vis iting the circle for the first time, and conversaderstand. It seemed very real and no show of

On Friday evening I went with Bro. Newton to hear a lecture by Prof. McDonald at the Liberal Club. He was with the Fox girls in the early days -forty-five years ago. He scored the "know-it alls" sharply, presented some "stubborn facts," and was reviewed by-no one. But T. B. Wake man talked about protoplasm, the old illusions o a hollow sphere with sun and stars rolling around the earth, the old psychology filled with ghosts and dreams of immortality, and the new psychol ogy, which has its throne in protoplasm.

The egocentric idea, like the geocentric astron omy, had vanished in the new psychology. The geocentric idea was strong but yielded to the neliocentric; so the egocentric psychology had vanished in the all embracing revelations of protoplasm! Ghosts, spirits and psychic explanations were relegated to the dreams of the past. But he did not touch a point in the lecture, never grappled with a fact presented, and left all as dark as he found it.

Several others ventilated their ignorance and gloried in what they did not know, and appeared to think they had settled the question by closing and bandaging their eyes, to convince them —We mentioned in last issue that Bro. Geo. W. Selves that the sun never shines. Mr. Wright ing Paul's in made an eloquent ten minute speech. Mr. New-knowledge." lungs at Washington, D. C. It now turns out ton testified to some things he knew, and left that he will not be able to use his vocal organs the negative guessers to enjoy their ignorance, for several months to come, which places our and shiver on the borders of annihilation. More LYMAN C HOWE

Cleveland, O.

The Spiritual Ploneer Truth Society resumed services at their former place of meeting, 37. Ontario street, with an increased attendance Spiritualism among the people of this city. A gentleman in the audience gave the subject, istrations of Mrs. Ada Foye. Last Sunday the house was almost packed, and, if indications are plained in a spiritualistic and practical sense, so Content," which the controls convincingly ex next Sunday. However, early comers will not go unrewarded in this respect, and can, at the which were recognized, which proved the truth r. cognized by their friends into the room. of spirit-return.

We have every reason for encouragement so far, as there seems to be a more liberal feeling of by Mrs Stone; a brother-in law, by John Crow; thought upon the subject of Spiritualism. The a cousin, by James Knight; husband, by Mrs. Ry-West Side was also well attended, the discussion der; and husband, by Mrs. Barber. being participated in by most all of those present. Mr. French, George Ingham, Mr. Jennings,

and others taking a prominent part. Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, I understand, lectured at Army and Navy Hall. Her name is enough to tell of the treat in store for all. Upon receipt of your paper, LIGHT OF TRUTH

my guides gave me these verses. In striving earnestly for the truth, We ask for knowledge, wisdom to gain, And take the middle path, Thereby avoiding both extremes.

Oh! to be bold, declare the word Of truth aright, The errors that stalks abroad

By day be changed to light. The world be better,
And we, not lived in vain,
That through our lives
The light of truth may shine.

Mrs. F O. Hyzer, who is occupying the rostrum of the Cleveland Spiritual Alliance during the absence of Mrs. H. S. Lake, the regular pastor, spoke last Sunday in Army and Navy Hall before a large audience. Her subject was the "Light of Truth," handling it in her usually able and elo-

quent manner. Next Sunday (19'b) Miss Maggie Gaule, of Baltimore, the renowned test medium, will follow Mrs. Hyzer's discourse with platform tests, for which she is so celebrated, because so successful.

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Mr. Edgerly, the brilliant and elequent trance speaker of Newburyport, Mass . commenced his month's engagement here Sanday, November 5th, and was welcomed by large and enthusiastic houses, both morning and evening, speaking at him. He was a pronounced and well known Library Association Hall, Central Bock. in the Spiritualist, and was imbued with the grand philmorning on "Spiritualism" by one of his able and eloquent guides, and in the evening at Knights of Honor Hall. It is said Prof. William Denton controlled him on the subject of "Chris tian Persecutions, or Heresy and Heretics." Tests with friends and acquaintances who paid their followed both lectures. Prof. Denton resided in last loving tribute to the arisen. this city many years ago, where he was a teacher in our schools from which he was discharged for being too liberal and free in his thinking. No wonder such a magain sent iaspirational effort was the result from this great scientist and Spir itualist. His vindication of the "heretics" Moses, Jesus, Bruno, Luther, Paine, and all the other great beretical characters was superlatively grand, and his intelligent audience listened with rapt attention throughout, and he was frequently and generously applauded.

The Dayton / tening Journal gave a very favor-able report of this lecture. On Thursday, November 9th, his guide, John McCarty, held forth to a good house and used Ills. the medium in giving tests at a benefit seauce.

We expect large houses the coming Sunday when Mr. Edgerly will again lecture and give

It is announced that McCarty will lecture Thursday evening, 16th inst, on 'Roman Catholicism," so look out for something red hot. He will also lecture through Mr. Edgerly Sundays 19th and 26th, morning and evening. Mornings free, evenings 15 cents.

Columbus, O.

The Church of Spiritualists of 173', South High street (Lazurus Block) have engaged Willard J Hull for the Sundays of November. The first two have proved an absolute success, Mr. Hull having captured the town by his influence and logic.

month consists of lectures at 10.30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m., of which the subjects are as follows : November 18-Morning, "The Race for Happiness; evening, "The Law of Love and the League of route to the West, this line runs all of its trains Lies". November 25-Morning, "The Rise and through solid to St. Louis. No waiting at inter-Abuse of Spiritualism;" evening, "The Evolution of the Millionaire and what shall we do with from somewhere else.

Let all who erjoy listening to a good speaker come and bring their friends. Morning meeting free, 15 cents admission to evening meetings.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Frank T. Ripley delivered the first lecture of the season, the first gun in the campaign, at the hall of the latest Pullman pattern. A special feature of the Occult Science Society, November 5th. The hall was packed to the doors, many standing, and many more turned away unable to gain admission at all. The living truths of Spiritua'ism were presented in a candid, straightforward manner, that carried conviction with it, and held his large audience spellbound. There was no flowery language-none was needed-the truth was simply told in plain English, which anyone present could comprehend. The truth is simply and easily told; it wears no mask. After the lecture Mr. Ripley followed with tests, giving Mississippi Railway for sale at all offices of con names, circumstances of death, messages, etc., necting lines. all of which were recognized as true. Thus concluding his arguments by clinching their truths.

People are tired of theories, assertions, and assumptions, and the intense public interest here shows conclusively that the people are no longer satisfied with the husks of sophistry, which does not satisfy the hunger of the human heart, and are seeking the nourishing food which time, are beginning to realize that it is fair to to pay for publication. presume that they can come back and communicate to day. That if it is true in the past, and the private work at the development, and will include comfuture, that it is true in the present as well. So plete instruction for the use of Mesmerism in the development.

Agnew, Mich.

The Spiritualist Association of Agnew, Mich held a seance at the home of Mr. Wm. Ryder Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 25th and 26th. Mr. King, a well-known materializing medium, was present, and under test conditions gave a great many manifestations. A committee doubtlessly owing to the increased interest in of three was appointed to search the medium and examine the cabinet.

Twenty-three persons witnessed manifestations the first evening. Eighteen developments were witnessed by every one in the room. The forms consistent, will be wanting in comfortable seats I am informed by those who listened to the lec appeared just in front of the cabinet, a number stepping a few feet out into the room. All were

Among those who were recognized the first evening were : An uncle, by Mrs. Ryder; an uncle,

Thursday evening sixteen forms were developed. One of the best developments was that of Louis Cokey, uncle of Miss Gokey, of West Olive. "Happy Charlie," one of Mr. King's controls, appeared, and Thursday evening drew pencil

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OBITUARY.

Mr. Fred Muhlhauser, 52 years of age, passed to the higher world Weduesday, November 1st, at his home in Cleveland, O, after a lingering illness. A loving wife and eight children survive osophy, and lived according to its teachings. The fuperal services were very impressive, at which Mr. Thomas Lees, Rabbi Gries and Dr. A. Kahn The house and grounds were crowded

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